

The Invincible

From the Helm



Texas Navy Members and Friends,

This is my sixth “From the Helm” column and I continue to be impressed by the dedication of the entire TNA membership to our mission of preserving and promoting the history of the little known but gallant

Texas Navy. Bravo Zulu!

An example of the good work done by the TNA is the success of our Commemorative Service Committee led by Admiral and former President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Karen Thompson. Last September's event at the state cemetery in Austin placing commemorative medallions on headstones of veterans of the Texas Navy, including the First Secretary ad interim of the Texas Navy, Robert Potter was a great success. Several local TV stations as well as the Austin American Statesman covered the event, resulting in perhaps the most media coverage the TNA has received in recent history. Follow the link [Herman: A Texas hero who took things into his own hands](#) to read the accurate but somewhat tongue in cheek story that was prominently featured in the Statesman.

Please note, and please plan to attend the Memorial Medallion Dedication for Texas Navy veteran Samuel Wade Wybrants (1815-1890) in Belton on 13 May. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, Admiral Fount McKee has successfully launched the TNA Speakers bureau so we can spread the word to more and more Texans about their Navy. On a financial note, just today, I received word from Admiral Bill Turner, immediate past TNA President, that a previous contributor to the Texas Navy History film project, has now committed to fully fund all

of our remaining needs, including the build out of the museum/theater space aboard the USS Lexington.

Our membership numbers continue to increase steadily, as do our Ships Store sales. We have had one bit of temporary bad news, and that is our matching grant application for the Search for the “Invincible” project was not successful. As many of you are aware, we believe we know where the wreck of the flagship of the First Texas Navy lies, and the effort to confirm this will cost between \$15,000 to \$25,000. If any of you reading this have knowledge of foundations or individual donors who might help us fund this project, please let me know.

The Texas Navy presence at last week's San Jacinto Day was substantial. Please read Admiral Hegyesi's write up in this newsletter. I think we've started a tradition!

Before I close, in my role as President, CINCTEXNAV, El Hefe' or whatever, I command all hands to mark your calendar for the Texian Navy Day weekend of 15-16-17 September in Galveston. Last year's Texian Navy Day was organized by Admiral Beth Fisher and had over 300 in attendance. We intend to up the ante with a Friday golf tournament, Saturday luncheon and/or dinner, and other activities as well.

See y'all there!

Semper Fi,

Jerry Patterson
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TNA Admiral designs medal in honor of the First Texas Navy

This was written by Admiral Frank Galindo and originally published in The TNA News (Texas Numismatic Association)

The First Texas Navy: 1835-1837

The vibrant history of the Republic of Texas has inspired historians and researchers to write many books about the Republic's heroic struggle for independence. No one person nor one battle can claim distinction for saving the Republic of Texas that led to its independence. It was a cooperative effort, which included the significant contributions of the Texas Navy.

When conflicts arose between Texas and Mexico, the provisional government of Texas feared that the supply lines between New Orleans and Texas would be in danger of attacks from the Mexican Navy. The ports in New Orleans provided vital supplies, troops and other essential resources needed by the Texans. On November 25, 1835, the General Council of the provisional government passed a bill authorizing the purchase of four vessels and for the creation of the First Texas Navy. This bill also permitted the issuance of letters of marque to privateers, which were issued in 1835 and 1836. The privateers helped the Republic in protecting the coast and engaging in battle with Mexican warships.

In January 1836, the four vessels were purchased and officially became the First Texas Navy. They were financed by Galveston banker Samuel May Williams, who later became known as "The Father of the Texas Navy." The fleet consisted of four schooners: the Liberty commanded by Captain William S. Brown; the Invincible commanded by Captain Jeremiah Brown; the Brutus commanded by Captain William A Hurd; and the Independence commanded by Captain Charles E. Hawkins. On March 12, all the ships' officers were appointed by President David G.

Burnet, naming Capt. Charles E. Hawkins, who was the senior captain, Commodore of the Texas Navy.

The Texas Navy provided crucial assistance during the duration of the war. The Texas Navy ships patrolled the Gulf of Mexico, prevented blockades of the Texas coast and engaged in occasional battles. This afforded the Texans a way to receive much needed supplies from New Orleans. It also made it difficult for Mexico to keep its army supplied and prevented Santa Anna from receiving reinforcements. Without additional soldiers and supplies, Santa Anna was doomed, and he met defeat at San Jacinto. Mexico's refusal to acknowledge the independence of Texas led the Texas Congress to order six new ships, which were placed under the command of Commodore Edwin Moore. They became known as the Second Texas Navy.

They raided the Mexican coast and kept Mexico focused on defending its own coastline. In 1838, France's naval warships also aided the Republic by attacking Mexico and destroying its naval fleet. The following is a description from the National Underwater and Marine Agency of the Invincible, the ship that is featured on the obverse of the 2017 TNA medal. "The Invincible was commissioned in 1836. She was schooner rigged and very fast for her time.

Built in Baltimore, she displaced 125 tons and was approximately 90 feet long. Manned by a crew of 40, her reported armament consisted of two 18 pounders, two 9 pounders, and four 6 pounders. She was responsible for the capture of several Mexican ships that were supplying Santa Ana's armies, playing a heavy role in aiding Houston and the Texas forces during the days after the Alamo." The First Texas Navy fleet played a significant role in protecting the independence Texas had declared.

The Texas Navy was dissolved when Texas became the 28th state in the



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United States of America in 1846. The remaining vessels were reassigned to the United States Navy. The short life of the Republic of Texas Navy deserves a prominent place in the history of Texas. Texas Navy historian Alex Diest wrote, "Texas could not have won her independence and maintained it as she did, without the navy." There is a Third Texas Navy that was founded by Governor Price Daniel in 1958. It is known as the Texas Navy Association. The Association is a non-profit organization comprised of members who are devoted to preserving the history of the Texas Navy.

Orders for the 2017 TNA medal may be placed for the silver and bronze medal set or single bronze medals, by contacting Frank Galindo, TNA Medals Officer, via e-mail at karfral@netzero.net or at P.O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX 78212-0217. Single bronze medals are \$6.50 postpaid. Medal sets (one bronze and one silver) are \$47.00 for each set, plus \$4.50 per set for postage and handling. If insurance is requested, there is an additional cost of \$2.50 per medal set. Make checks or money orders payable to TNA. The Medals will be mailed after the TNA Convention.

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New Squadrons Forming

A new Squadron is in the beginning stages of forming. If you live in Corpus Christi and have an interest in joining please contact Admiral Dick Hatch at rhatch@texasnavy.com

If you would like a Squadron to form near you please let us know. Contact Admiral Dick Hatch rhatch@texasnavy.com



181st ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF SAN JACINTO

Commemorating the 181st Anniversary of the Battle of San Jacinto, a contingent of several hundred individuals from the TNA, DRT, SRT, CRT, The Texas Army and others celebrated at the San Jacinto Monument & Battleground on Friday, April 21st.

The Deer Park H.S. orchestra provided the music for the celebration and their JROTC Color Guard presented the colors. Mr. Ron Stone, Jr. of Shell Oil acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Jimmy Burke, Chair of the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board welcomed the attendees.

Six Houston area seniors received \$5K dollar scholarships from the DRT. In addition, three seniors received scholarships ranging from \$2K-\$4K from the SRT's essay contest. This year's subject for the essay was Stephen F. Austin, the Father of Texas.

Senator Sylvia Garcia brought special greetings to the attendees from the State capitol. Nancy Burch (DRT), the great, great, granddaughter of General Sam Houston presented the San Jacinto Battle Report. In fact, this year's ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Sam Houston IV. He served for many years as the Commanding General of The Texas Army, and was the reader of the Battle Analysis.

San Jacinto descendants in attendance were recognized. Then, Chad Muir, Chair of the San Jacinto Museum of History introduced the principal speaker, Harris County Judge, the Honorable Ed Emmett. Three sailors (not in attendance because of being on active duty) aboard the U.S.S. Texas (SSN 775) received recognition as Sailors of the Year by Maurice Nassar, President of the San Jacinto Chapter of the SRT. Two of the three sailors are actually native Texans. The U.S.S. Texas will be on



station in the western Pacific in the near future.

A memorial wreath was laid at the base of the Monument, followed by a salute to the Texas Patriots by The Texas Army. After each of the two volleys of musket fire, Rolling Thunder fired. The cannon's

reverberation spread throughout the Battlefield signaling that the Battle of San Jacinto has not been forgotten.

After the ceremony, attendees joined together for lunch at the Monument Inn. During lunch, TNA President, Admiral Jerry Patterson presided over the commissioning of Betsy Schwarz Vaughan.

Admiral Vaughan is a native Houstonian, graduate of Lamar high school, and a graduate of the University of Texas. She is a descendant of Samuel Rhoads Fisher, the first Secretary of the Republic of Texas Navy in the constitutional Republic of Texas appointed by Sam Houston. Samuel Rhoads Fisher also was a Signer of the Declaration of Independence and a Signer of the Texas Constitution.

Betsy's grandfather was Judge Lewis Fisher who served as the Galveston County Judge and Mayor of Galveston during the years that involved the planning and building of the Seawall following the 1900 Storm. A tribute to Judge Fisher can be found etched in a large piece of granite on the seawall near Murdock's pier.

Betsy actively promotes Texas history. Admiral Vaughan owns the 1835



Morton Ferry home in Richmond, Texas which has a THC Historical marker. This was the location of the historic Brazos River ferry.

Admiral Vaughan worked for six years on the staff of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. Congratulations to Admiral Vaughan!

I wanted to share a story that was told by one of the speakers. When he was overseas with his daughter at a function with people from multiple countries, they were all asked where they were from. People were responding England, Germany, France, etc. When it came their time, they said "Texas". Many of us shook our heads in agreement. We had all responded that way to the same question many times. We didn't respond by saying the USA. We had all responded that we were from Texas.



Photo: Adm Neil Hines ©

Hopefully, the Texas Patriots of the Battle of Jacinto know that Texas is still strong and very proud of her heritage. As the State song states, Texas will "withstand every test." Texans – like the ones in attendance - will always protect and defend her. May God continue to bless the State of Texas!

Admiral Marisa Hegyesi
Director - Texas Navy Association Secretary



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TNA Memorial Medallion Committee member Admiral Larry Schroeder completed his research on Samuel Wade Wybrants, the sailor who will be honored on May 13, 2017 with a Republic of Texas Navy 1835-1846 medallion placed on his tombstone. Wybrants is buried in the North Belton Cemetery in Belton, Texas. Admiral Karen R. Thompson, chairman Memorial Medallion Committee, email information request to gravelady@sbcglobal.net. [Samuel Wade Wybrants Bio](#)

A "Welcome Home" for TNA Admirals!

On March 2, American Oarsmen Skipper Adm Mike Matson gave a presentation on his team's recent completion of the 2016-17 Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge. Adm Matson and his teammates, Adm David Alviar and Adm Brian Krauskopf, completed the race on February 2, with a passage time of 49 days, 14 hours, 4 minutes, and 20 seconds. They covered a total distance of 2,789 nautical miles. They finished fourth in the race overall, and first among three-man crews.



Matson presented the Texas Navy Association with a United States Ensign and a TNA pennant, both of which had been carried across the Atlantic during the race. The Ensign was originally from U.S.S. Constitution, the oldest commissioned vessel in the U.S. Navy. The TNA helped sponsor the American Oarsmen's endeavor.

Matson was presented Texas Navy medal, in recognition of his efforts in representing the TNA in this remarkable effort.



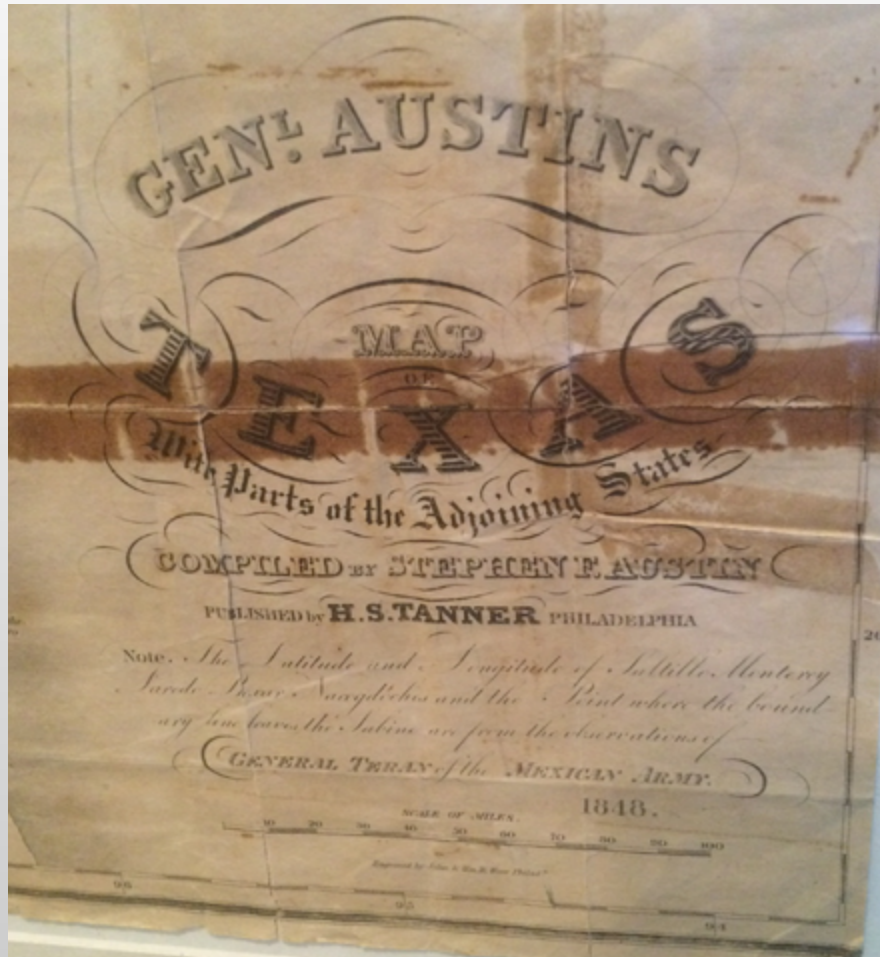
Photo by Andy Hall: Adm. Mike Matson (r.) presents a U.S. Ensign and TNA pennant to Adms. Chester F. Barnes II (l.) and Adm. Dick Hatch (c.)

Read another wonderful article about the Atlantic adventure
[Maritime News](#)



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TNA Admiral Donates Rare Map to Texas



A TNA Admiral recently donated an exceptionally rare Stephen F. Austin 1848 Map of Texas to the Texas General Land Office. Land Commissioner George P. Bush said no other copy of the map is known to exist and the discovery changes what we know about the cartography of Stephen F. Austin. The map had been framed and hanging in the couple's home for the last 26 years, but had been in the wife's family for at least 150 years. The donors felt that donating the document to the GLO would guarantee it would be preserved under archival conditions and conserved for future generations. To learn more or see this and other rare maps and documents in the GLO's "Save Texas History Project" visit www.glo.texas.gov.



Nimitz Squadron

Honoring Unclaimed Veterans

By: Admiral Denise Homick

The ceremony at the DFW National Cemetery on April 26, 2017 honored 20 unclaimed veterans; 3 Air Force, 8 Army, 3 Marines and 6 Navy for inurnment.

This ceremony demonstrates the sense of family that veterans feel for their fallen Comrades-in-Arms. We gathered to honor these 20 veterans and say to them "Thank you for your service to your country!"

It was a cold, brisk day and the public attendance was impressive. The Patriot Guard Riders accepted flags on behalf of missing family members. The search for family of these 20 veterans will continue indefinitely.

The ceremony was represented by the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force. Taps was played by a Navy bugler. The Air Force Honor Guard gave a 21 gun salute. The Navy Chaplain conducted the ceremony. The Patriot Guard Riders ride Captain, Dan Mathys read the names of each veteran as the flags were presented. Television station WFAA, Channel 8 in Dallas live streamed the ceremony on Facebook.

The members of the Texas Navy Association, Nimitz Squadron can proudly say "Mission Accomplished!" This cause was organized and

fulfilled in a mere two days. Thanks to all who helped to spread the word!

Flowers and flags for each of the 20 veterans grave sites were donated by Admiral Denise Homick, Texas Navy Association.



13 of the unclaimed veterans are identified as:

Army Specialist Joseph David Dobson, 84
Army Private Ned Carlston King, 56
Army Specialist Dennis Wayne Moore, 63
Marine Private Edward Charles Gipson, 60
Marine Private Grant Wells, Jr., 63
Navy Veteran Glenn Allen Gatton, 65
Navy Ensign Patrick Michael Kelly, 62
Navy Veteran Daniel Ray McKinley, 46
Navy Veteran Michael Snyder, 58
Navy Veteran Elbert Louis Wilson, 79
Air Force Staff Sergeant William Brugemann Beeson, 86
Air Force Master Sergeant Bobby Ray Gleason, 71
Air Force Veteran Jerry G. Marshall, 81

Following photos provided by the Patriot Guard Riders photographer Erna Carlisle, PGR

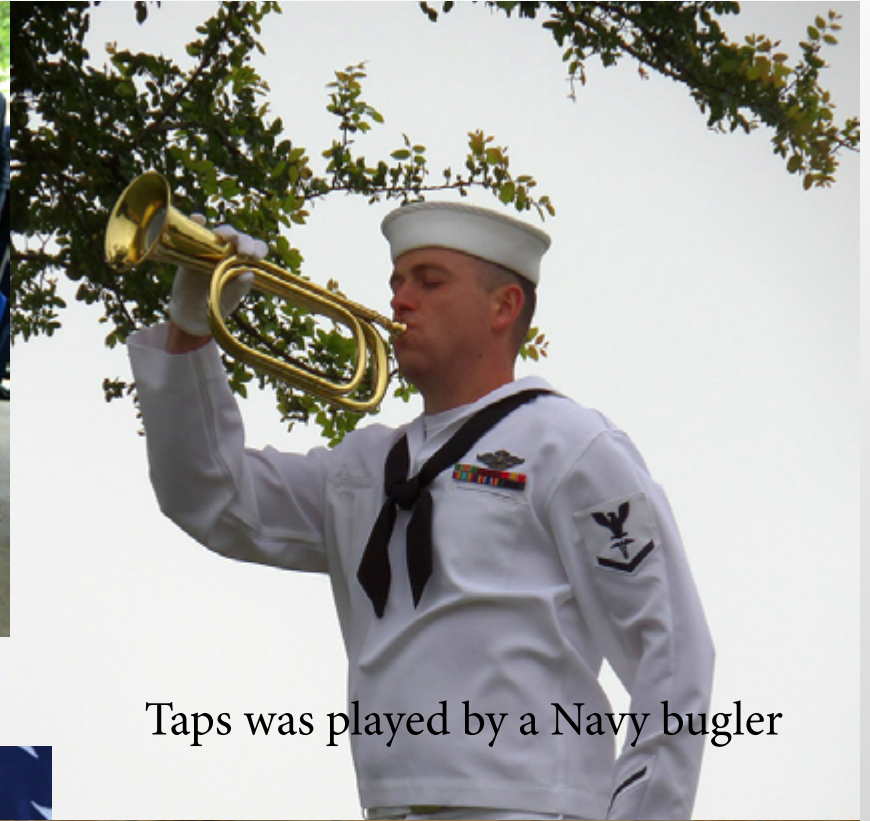


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Flags and flowers donated by TNA Admiral Denise Homick



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Patriot Guard Riders ride Captain, Dan Mathys read the names of each veteran



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C.E. Hawkins Squadron

Commander Report

By: Squadron Commander Adm Chester F. Barnes, II

NOW HERE THIS !

The Hawkins Squadron is continuing to grow in membership. We are honored to have such a dedicated membership.

Planning for the “Texian Navy Day “ is underway. I presented a power point presentation to the BOD in April. Adm. Butch has done a great job of seeking out sponsors for the” Texian Day Golf Tournament”. He has played in several golf tournaments in order to meet potential sponsors. In addition, newly commissioned Commander Ms. Paula Morris has agreed to chair the “Silent Auction” event. There many potential donors for items for the auction. An Advisors’ Committee has been set up to assist in the planning of the TND event. We are asking all squadrons to provide us with the name of a person from their area they would like to see honored and commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy. Also we are asking the squadrons to provide assistance in planning and collecting items for the silent auction.

Some highlights of the Hawkins Squadron include the presentation by Admiral Mike Matson on their 49 day “row” across the Atlantic Ocean. His presentation was truly exciting learning what the hardships were on the crossing.

Some of the members of the Hawkins Squadron participated in the San Jacinto Battle Celebration held at the San Jacinto Monument on Friday April 21, 2017. The TNA had a large turnout. I was especially proud of my son Commander Jason Barnes and my grandson Caleb, who were visiting from The Netherlands.

Saturday April 22, 2017, other members of the Hawkins Squadron were

present for the “Flag Presentation” to the Captain of the Spanish man of war replica El Galeon, who was visiting Galveston. Members included Commander Emertis Admiral Bill Rouse, Admiral Dennis Miller, Admiral Bill Turner & Commander Paula Morris. I presented Captain Pablo Gonzales Nunez a certificate designating him as an “Honorary



Commodore” of the Texas Navy, a laser engraved oak plaque naming El Galeon a member of the “Hawkins Fleet” of the Hawkins Squadron. The captain also received a “Hawkins Flag” signed by members of the BOD of the TNA and a TNA pennant. The Hawkins flag was immediately hoisted up on the starboard side by the Senior Bosun’s Mate.

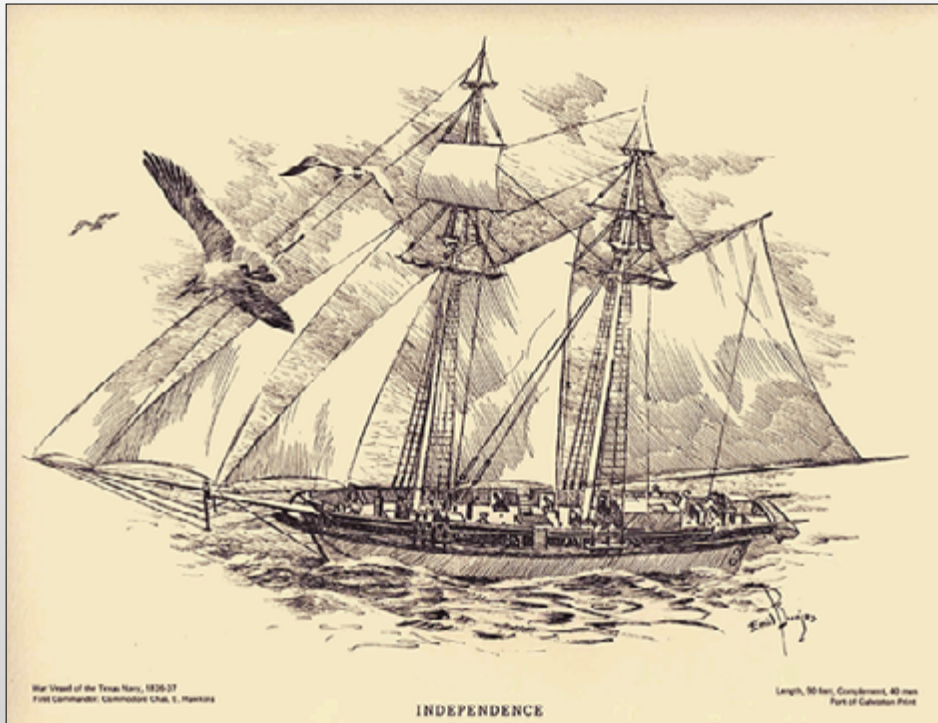
The event was graciously reported by Robert Mohvil of the Guidry News organization. The write up is posted on their [website](#)

The May 4th meeting will be another exciting event as we are honored to have as our speaker Rear Admiral Mike Rodrigues, the new Superintendent of the Texas Maritime Academy at Texas A & M



Galveston. He has had wonderful career as a maritime officer and has spent many years as a ship captain.

Admiral Mark Underhill of Nederland, Texas and former TNA Board



member/Treasurer, has donated to the Hawkins Squadron a set of four pen and ink drawings of four of the Texas Navy ships. The Invincible, Liberty, Brutus and Independence. The drawings were done by famous Galveston artist Mr. Bunjes in the 1930's. Admiral Underhill acquired them in 1971. Admiral Stephen L. Walter designated Mr. Bunjes as the "Official" Texas Navy Association artist in 1958. Mr. Bunjes was born in Schulenburg, Texas in 1902 and died in the middle 60's. We are honored to receive the drawings and will display them in a place of honor.



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Moore Squadron

Texas Navy & Texas Independence

During the merry month of March, the E. W. Moore Squadron proudly shared the Texas Navy story with our Texas youth, parents and adults at two event locations during this year's Texas Independence Celebration!



The Moore Squadron returned for the second year to Washington-on-the-Brazos for the “Texas Independence” celebration held March 4th and 5th. The weather was wet, but our display was inside where it was dry and comfortable. Although the crowd was subdued because of the rain, our display tables benefitted from it with a steady flow of the park guests. They were all very interested to hear the Texas Navy story. We used table display items as visuals to help tell the story. Our display featured a deck cannon, cannon balls, a replica of the first Texas Navy Paterson Colt pistol, hardtack, a picture print of a painting by Admiral Bruce Marshall depicting how Texas Navy sailors dressed during that time period. The Texas Navy flags were proudly displayed along with a display board of authentic knots used by our Texas Navy sailors handmade by Admiral Bob Oatman and a display board highlighting equipment, weapons and important dates and historical information created by Admiral Larry Schroeder. Special thanks to Admiral Mitch Fuller for his efforts!

Meanwhile, at College Station, Admiral Larry Schroeder led the way under a large outdoor tent. His table displays were very similar to the items displayed at Washington-on-the-Brazos. The rain and wind greatly hampered the attendance and movement of

those in attendance, but those who braved the elements heard the Texas Navy story, many for the first time. Our appreciation to Admiral Mike Young for bringing his large cannon to the event and even firing it a few times to the delight of the crowd and the horror of the event officials. A lot of fun was had by many! We learned a lot by attending these two events that will benefit us next year. Special thanks to Admiral Steven von Roeder dressing in his period uniform and Admiral Tom Hauser for his outstanding spirit!

Many are interested in joining the Texas Navy as a result of learning of our organization and efforts. Our thanks to all for their strong support and willingness to serve!



Admiral Wayne Courreges
E.W. Moore Squadron Commander



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Sam Houston Squadron

By: Admiral Rubye Garrett, SHS secretary

A Luncheon meeting of the Sam Houston Squadron of the Texas Navy was held March 18, 2017 at Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas. Commander of the Sam Houston Squadron, Admiral Mike De Hart gave an update on our news:

The 2016 Clear Lake Christmas Boat Lane Parade was led by Admirals Judith and Roy Shaw's yacht representing the Texas Navy and the Sam Houston Squadron .

Sam Houston IV died on March 10, 2017. He was the great Grandson of Sam Houston. He retired as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army and was an Admiral in the Texas Navy. Our condolences go out to his family. There were 70 Admirals on the Sam Houston Roster as of 11/19/2016 and we had the pleasure of presenting two new Admirals into the Sam Houston Squadron at this meeting. Admiral Bob Robinson and Admiral Glenn Royal.

Our program was presented by Admiral Bruce Bramlett, Executive Director of the Battleship Texas Foundation. He gave an excellent presentation and slide show of the Battleship Texas and Challenges to preserve the ship at it's berth on the Houston Ship Channel. Everyone really enjoyed his program and his passion for the Battleship Texas projects.

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The TNA now has a Speaker's Bureau!



The purpose of the [Speakers Bureau](#) is to promulgate the history of the Texas Navy. The information on how [to request a speaker](#) and lecture material is on the TNA website. At this time, the presentation will be a lecture or video of the general Texas Navy history.

The group or organization wanting to obtain a speaker can go to the TNA website and make the request. There is no fee to obtain a speaker.

Help us get the word out to the various organizations that would like to know about the history of the Texas Navy.

[Admiral Fount McKee](#)

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