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Newsletter

From The Helm

Texas Navy Members and Friends.

It is my distinct honor to be writing as your new President. I want to thank Admiral Jerry Patterson for his years of service to this organization and for making my transition seamless and very well managed. Jerry will be continuing on as the Governors Appointee and on the executive committee as immediate Past President.



Much has been accomplished over the past several years. The Texas Navy Association has really begun to blossom into a significant and credible organization that has successfully raised money and successfully completed a number of projects aimed at telling the fantastic story of those proud and brave officers and men of the Texas Navy.

2018 brings with it the opportunity to continue with the successes of the past and embark on new adventures and projects taking The Texas Navy Association to the next level. We will focus on the widest dissemination of our new film and develop a number of mini theaters to be placed in public places and museums around the State. We will build a traveling exhibit that can be used for trade shows and celebrations like San Jacinto Day and Washington on the Brazos.

We will continue to recognize outstanding individuals that have served their community, State or our Nation with distinction recommending that our Texas Governor commission them an Admiral in the Texas Navy. We will focus on growing our membership by offering different levels of membership for non commissioned individuals who have an interest in Texas History and an interest in The Texas Navy.

We want to become more involved with our communities and offer our willing assistance to those in need. New special missions will be developed for this purpose all over our State.

A real hardy thank you to all of you who have worked so hard to move our organization forward. I want to offer everyone else the chance to really make a difference. Join us, be an active part of our success. We need your input and suggestions on how The Texas Navy Association can continue to grow and make a difference in the lives of all Texans.

God bless Texas and the Texas Navy Association !



Admiral Richard B. Hatch, President
The Texas Navy Association



U.S.S. Lexington Project

Submitted by Admiral Bill Turner



Written by: Mr. Michael Elledge (Excerpt from the JM Elledge February Newsletter)

The biggest project of the year was 15 months in the making. I was contacted by the Texas Navy Association to construct an 1830's Texas Navy display. The location of the display is on board the aircraft carrier USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was to be an 1830's ship board exhibit complete with a 16' long hand rail with two gun ports. These gun ports sported a matched pair of my concrete cannons mounted on naval carriages complete with block and tackle rigging. I also provided all the accessories like ram rods, sponges, worms, copper powder ladles, and linstock. A complete display of the projectiles that were used in this time frame were fabricated by me and mounted on a display table. They included cannon ball, standard bar shot, jointed bar shot, expanding bar shot, chain shot, and grape shot. These projectiles show just how deadly naval warfare was during Texas' war with Mexico. It is hard to hold one of these without feeling the history. In fact, I have several school teachers using these props as visual aids in their history classes.

Houston Yacht Club's 2017 Turkey Day Regatta

In honor of the Secretary of the Texas Navy, Samuel Rhoads Fisher, the Houston Yacht Club launched the perpetual award — the S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy in 2013. S. Rhoads Fisher was the secretary of the Texas Navy supporting Sam Houston's victory over General Santa Anna at San Jacinto.

The Fisher Trophy is aimed at the non-spinnaker winner of the TORC - The Texas Offshore Racing Circuit. The TORC is an annual series of three races. The first in mid-April is the Heald Bank Regatta hosted by Lakewood Yacht Club. The next event is the Houston Yacht Club Offshore Regatta in late April or early May. The third and deciding event is Texas Race Week (TRW) hosted by Galveston Bay Cruising Association.

The 2017 winner is Jim Apple, skipper of the "Tenacious".

Skipper Apple was the winner of the Offshore Regatta in 2015 also. Congratulations to Skipper Apple and his crew!



TNA Admiral Will Fisher, V, a direct descendant of S. R. Fisher, shared his knowledge about S. Rhoads Fisher with the attendees.



Jim Apple was awarded the S. Rhoads Fisher Trophy by TNA Admiral Will Fisher, IV. A direct descendant of Samuel Rhoads Fisher.

Sam Houston Squadron Meeting Celebrating Veterans Day 2017

Submitted By: Admiral Mike DeHart, Squadron Commander

Veterans Day Meeting, November 11, 2017

(L) Mike DeHart, SHS Commander; Charlie Clemmons, new Admiral; Barbara Clemmons, new Admiral; Gary Johnson, new Admiral; Pam Arnold, new Admiral; Jerry Patterson, TNA Past President



On November 11, 2017, Saturday, the Sam Houston Squadron met at noon at Lakewood Yacht Club, Seabrook, Texas to honor all those who served in our military forces both living and deceased. Armistice Day, the predecessor to Veterans Day, was first observed on November 11, 1919 when Woodrow Wilson was president. World war I ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. Armistice Day honored our soldiers who perished during World War I. During President Eisenhower's term, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day and expanded to include all those who served in our armed forces.

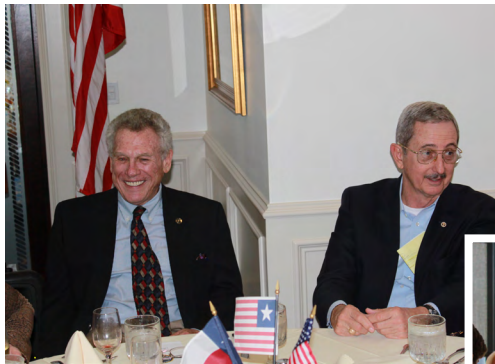


Photo Left:
(L) Admiral Mike DeHart - Squadron Commander and Past TNA President Admiral Jerry Patteson



(L) Adm Mike DeHart, Adm Dick Hatch - TNA President, Adm Bill Turner, Adm Marisa Hegyesi, Adm Jerry Patterson



(L) Adm Marisa Hegyesi - TNA Secretary and Steve Hegyesi

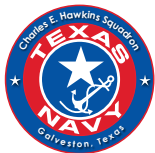
Agenda:

Prayer and the pledges of allegiance to the United States of America and the State of Texas
Secretary's report
Treasurer's report
Introduction of Speaker, TNA President, Admiral Jerry Patterson

Commissioning of new Admirals: Admiral Pam Arnold
Admiral Barbara Clemmons
Admiral Charlie Clemmons
Admiral Gary Johnson

Lunch is served
Admiral Jerry Patterson presentation including updates on the Texas Navy Association, completion of the Texas Navy Association film, and the status of the Lexington Exhibit

Viewing of the Texas Navy film, How the First Texas Navy Saved the Texas Revolution against Mexico
Closing remarks, Admiral Bill Turner.



Hawkins Squadron

Submitted by: Admiral Chester Barnes - Commander



L: Admiral Carl Hill and Admiral Chester Barnes - Commander of the Hawkins Squadron

November 28, 2017 I was a guest of the Alexander Hodge chapter 49 of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution at Sweetwater Country Club in SugarLand. I presented Mr. Carl Hill with his certificate naming him an Admiral in the Texas Navy. He

is joining the Hawkins Squadron. Welcome aboard, Admiral!

January 4, 2018 Meeting



Article by: Admiral Andy Hall - Squadron Operations Officer

On January 4th the Charles E Hawkins Squadron in Galveston was fortunate to host Dr. Carolina Castillo Crimm as its guest speaker. Dr. Crimm, a native of Mexico, came to the United States when she was 17. She holds degrees from the

University of Miami, Texas Tech and completed her PhD in Latin American History at the University of Texas at Austin. Among her many books and articles is the award-winning *De León: A Tejano Family History* (2004). During her forty years in teaching, she has won numerous awards including the prestigious



Left to right: Adm. Rev. Stephen Duncan, Adm. Andy Hall, Adm. Chester Barnes, Dr. Crimm, and Adm. Dick Hatch

Piper Award as one of the best teachers in Texas. She has recently retired and been honored as a Professor Emeritus in History from Sam Houston State University for her work with her students, her university and her community.

Dr. Crimm's presentation focused on the de León family, that established ranches in Texas at the beginning of the 19th century, first on the Nueces River and then, later, near Guadalupe Victoria (present-day Victoria). Her presentation showed how the de León family was buffeted by political struggles and shifting alliances over the first three decades of the 1800s. The de Leóns, like so many Tejano families, found themselves caught between the Federalist, liberal faction on one side, and the centralist, conservative faction on the other. And like so many families, they found themselves divided as the second generation took sides in the struggle. Dr. Crimm showed dramatically how it is impossible to understand the development of Spanish and (later) Mexican Texas without understanding the dynamic and often violent swings of power in Mexico City itself.

Dr. Crimm is an engaging and energetic speaker, who presents a story that offers valuable insight into a critical period in history of the United States, Mexico, and Texas.



A New Admiral by Admiral Andy Hall

Congratulations to Rear Admiral Michael "Mike" Rodriguez, USMS (right, with Texas Navy Association), who on Saturday received his commission as an honorary Admiral in

the Texas Navy, signed by Governor Abbott. The commission was presented by (photo, left and center) Texas Navy Adms. Butch Spafford and Chester Barnes, at the quarterly TNA Board of Directors Meeting in Galveston.

In January 2017, Rear Admiral Rodriguez became the 15th Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy in Galveston. Mike is a 1979 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. After graduation, he sailed as a ship's officer aboard US-flag vessels for 17 years.

In 1995 Mike began his career ashore as an application engineer with Nautical Technology Corporation (NTC) in New York. At NTC, Mike worked in sales, training, and technical support for the company's distributed database system, NTC Ship Manager. This software offered off-the-shelf solutions for ship owners in areas including purchasing, inventory, maintenance schedules, crew assignments and payroll.

In 1997, Mike returned to Kings Point as an Academy Training Representative. His responsibilities included supervising the shipboard assignments and training of hundreds of the Academy's midshipmen. He also taught undergraduate business and several courses in maritime operations to military and industry professionals through the Academy's continuing education program.

In February 2001, Mike joined the headquarters staff at the International Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P) as Executive Assistant to the International President.

At MM&P, Mike was responsible for representing the organization during contract negotiations, and in several forums including the International Maritime Organization, the International Labor Organization, the Office of the US Trade Representative, and several federal advisory panels on maritime subjects.

In 2009, Mike joined the Senior Professional Staff of the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation. During his tenure on the Hill, the Deepwater Horizon casualty occurred and Congress passed, and the President signed, a sweeping Coast Guard bill that addressed several aspects of the Coast Guard's operations and maritime safety.

Mike serves as a Captain in the Navy Reserve. In 2006, Mike and several other reservists were deployed in support of special operations in the Indian Ocean. From 2011 through 2014, Mike served in several active duty assignments supporting military sealift and maritime security.

Following his active service, Mike was appointed as the Deputy Maritime Administrator in the Department Transportation's, Maritime Administration (MARAD). At MARAD, Mike was responsible for developing US maritime policy, proposing legislation, and outreach to the maritime industry and its stakeholders.

In January, Mike became the 15th Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy in Galveston where he is responsible for the education and training of 556 students in the Academy's Corps of Cadets.

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Tom Toby Squadron



The installation of the 2018 Tom Toby Squadron of the TNA. The officers were voted in at the February 2017 meeting, and were installed by outgoing Commander Ron Brown at the December meeting of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. The Tom Toby Squadron has a lot of SRT members as Admirals.

2018 New Squadron Officers are:

Commander: Admiral Jeff Corbin

Vice Commander: Admiral John Martin

Executive Officer: Admiral Paul Powell



Tom Toby Squadron

Commander in Chief: Honorable Gregg Abbott

Commander: Admiral Jeff Corbin

Vice Commander: Admiral John Martin

Executive Officer: Admiral Paul Powell

Treasurer: Admiral Rick Powell

Chaplain: Admiral Joe R. Davidson, KSJ

Past Commander : Admiral Ron Brown KSJ

Battleship TEXAS Normandy Invasion Hard Hat Tour

Date: May 19, 2018

Location: Monument Inn / Battleship Texas

4406 Independence Pkwy, La Porte, TX Phone: (281) 479-1521

Lunch will be off the menu at the Monument Inn

On Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM (CDT)

First Texas Volunteers, in cooperation with Battleship Texas Foundation and Texas Parks & Wildlife, host the Battleship TEXAS Normandy Invasion Tour, a Specialty Hard Hat Tour.

In conjunction with our traditional Hard Hat Tours, the First Texas Volunteers is hosting a specialty tour that is shorter in length and focuses specifically on portions of the ship and its history that pertains to the Invasion of Normandy during World War II. If you have wanted to learn more about the ship and see areas with a guided tour that is not part of the public tour or even our regular Hard Hat Tour then this is your chance. Space is very limited as the group is kept small. Tour departs promptly at 2:00 pm.

Cost is \$30.00 per person for the tour. Does not include lunch.

PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DUE TO VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Please RSVP to: Admiral Jeff Corbin corbinj43@yahoo.com or Admiral John Martin coljwm@gmail.com





Submitted by: Admirals Frank and Karla Galindo

Samuel May Williams Squadron Quarterly meeting

The program will be presented by Bruce Bramlett, CEO/Battleship Texas Foundation on the History and Future of the Battleship Texas: A Texas Treasure and State Historic Site. The Battleship Texas took part in some of the most significant naval battles of the 20th century during both world wars. Now docked along the Houston Ship Channel, she serves as a memorial to those turbulent times. The Battleship Texas in 1948 was designated by Governor Jester as "The Flagship of the Texas Navy." Please R.S.V.P. WITH ENCLOSED FORM, by Thursday, March 15th. to Karla Galindo karfra1@netzero.net

Cordially Invites You/Guests to Attend Our Quarterly Meeting

Commemorating 100th Anniversary of WW I and 75th Anniversary of WW II

- **Date:** Saturday, March 17, 2018
- **Time:** 11:30 Registration/Meet & Greet; Followed by Lunch/Program
- **Place:** River Center Seafood & Grill- (Stone Oak Area) Private Party Room
115 N Loop 1604 E Ste 1108 San Antonio, TX 78232

Program: *History and Future of the Battleship Texas: A Texas Treasure and State Historic Site* Battleship Texas took part in some of the most significant naval battles of the 20th century during both world wars. Now docked along the Houston Ship Channel, she serves as a memorial to those turbulent times. The Battleship Texas in 1948 was designated by Governor Jester as "The Flagship of the Texas Navy."

Presented by: Bruce Bramlett, CEO/Battleship Texas Foundation (501 3 c)

Cost of lunch-depends on what you order \$7.95- \$20 plus gratuity; separate tickets will be issued

Reservation: Please RSVP to Karla Galindo at karfra1@netzero.net or mai: P.O. Box 12217, San Antonio, TX. 78212-0217 (telephone: (210) 378-6003 by Thursday, March 15, 2018 with the following information:

Name (s) _____ No. of people attending _____

Guest names _____ Email _____

Phone _____

Save the Date: Friday, June 8, 2018 for our next luncheon program





Texas Navy Association

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, April 21st, 10:00 am

San Jacinto Day Ceremony

San Jacinto Monument

Ceremony to be held *indoors* in the theatre

Texas Navy to be recognized

Please arrive by 9:00 am to catch shuttle bus and get seated as a group. Wear Texas Navy attire & accoutrements.

LUNCHEON

Following ceremony at Monument Inn

Order off the Menu/self-pay

Ask for tables reserved for Texas Navy

More info to follow

RSVP to: Admiral Beth Fisher

bethfis@aol.com

cell: (713)202-2045

Check out the TNA Ships Store
for your Texas Navy apparel
and other collectables.



Print: Adm Pete Rindlisbacher



Affiliated Squadrons

Charles E. Hawkins Squadron

If you live in the Galveston or south Houston area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Chester Barnes at chester@barnes.com

Chester W. Nimitz Squadron

If you live in the Dallas area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Tim Weiland e7aviation@att.net

Commodore Edwin Ward Moore Squadron

If you live in the Austin area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Wayne Courreges wcourreges@icloud.com

Sam Houston Squadron

If you are a Texas Navy Admiral and a member of Lakewood Yacht Club or a reciprocal club to Lakewood Yacht Club and are interested in joining the Sam Houston Squadron, please contact the Sam Houston Squadron Commander, Adm Mike DeHart mikede@msn.com

Samuel May Williams Squadron

If you live in the San Antonio area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Richard Weitzel richard.weitzel@gmail.com

The Mirabeau B. Lamar Squadron

If you are a Texas Navy Admiral and a member of the Houston Yacht Club and are interested in joining the Mirabeau B. Lamar Squadron, please contact Squadron Commander Admiral Robert Williams apachenite@aol.com

Tom Toby Squadron

If you live in the Houston area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Jeff Corbin corbinj43@yahoo.com

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 Peter Davidson at peterd@cctexas.com

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



In Memory Of

[Admiral Lloyd K. Wells](#)

[Admiral Guy M. McCollum](#)

Fair Winds and Following Seas

