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The Texas Navy Association salutes, preserves and presents the fabulous history of the officers and men who so gallantly served to free and protect The Republic of Texas. Their story is amazing and is truly a story worth telling. Without the contributions of the Texas Navy, there would most likely never been a Republic of Texas, continuing to improve its financial well being, and always invites and is most thankful for your generous contributions.

Please be a part of our wonderful organization.

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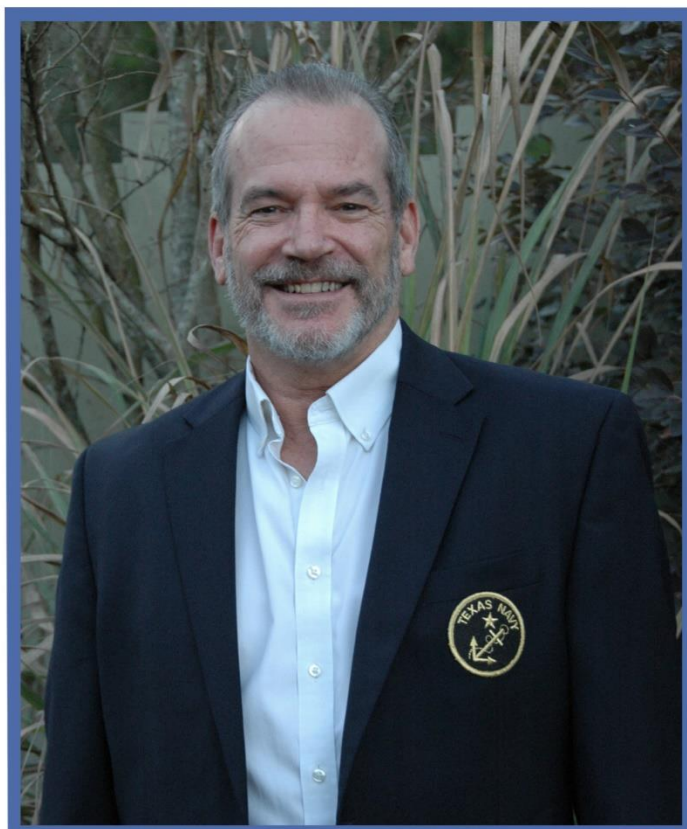
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★ Word from Our President ★



Admiral James S. Tyson
President
Texas Navy Association

Welcome to our spring edition of the **Invincible**, the Newsletter of the Texas Navy Association.

What a year it has been. Just when we thought it couldn't get any worse than a year with Covid-19, we find ourselves in a year where Covid is still occurring and where nearly the entire state is recovering in one form or another from Freeze-Apocalypse 2021.

While a lot of things in Texas did come to a stop, the Texas Navy Association

has not, with our dedicated team members powering through the difficulties, and keeping things moving.

Our new IT Chair Admiral John Gross has worked diligently to take the helm on the IT side of things, and is your new point of contact for all things IT. Also taking on a new role is our own author and publisher, Admiral Gordon Blocker, who in the very near term will be taking over the upkeep of the website itself.

In both a new role, and heavily in his old roles is our Vice President Admiral Dave Wetzel, who also manages most things membership, as well as much of our communications. I couldn't do this without him.

Admiral Andy Hall has wrapped up his outstanding tenure on the Search for the Invincible Committee and has turned over the wheel to a new chair that we will be introducing at the Spring meeting, this coming April 10th. I am very hopeful that it will be our last ever Zoom only meeting, as by summer all of you should have had the opportunity to get vaccinated.

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Andy has not however coasted. He has become our lead techie on the Seminars committee as we prepare to launch our very first sponsored seminar. He has shown his incredible production talents in his acquisition and testing of our new software to accomplish this. This seminar will probably be occurring or will have occurred at about the time this newsletter comes up, but I would like to thank him and the rest of our team of Admirals Bill Turner and Jerry Patterson for their intensive and

exhaustive efforts in putting together a top seminar.

Our past president Admiral Rick Dempsey has put together a committee for the 50th anniversary that will be detailed below in this newsletter.

There are just so many things going on that I can't begin to list them all, nor thank all of the members that are keeping this ship humming, but stay tuned to the newsletter, and keep your eyes peeled on the Upcoming events at the bottom right of all Texas Navy Association web pages.

Our summer meeting should be in Austin at the Military Forces Museum as an in-person meeting, and our fall/annual meeting will also be the Christmas dinner dance party at the Houston Yacht Club. Details on both to follow. We currently have HYC members on our team who have agreed to be the liaison between our association and the yacht club, but I am still looking for a chair and other volunteers for the 2021 Dinner Dance Party Team. I look forward to a hugely productive year. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up in so many big ways!



★ Texas Navy Association News: ★



Texas Navy Admiral and Immediate Past President of the Texas Navy Association, Admiral Richard Dempsey

Texas Navy Admiral and Immediate Past President of the Texas Navy Association, Admiral Richard Dempsey was recently presented by Texas Navy Association Commander Lothar Gellert a Decoration of Honour with Gold Star on behalf of the Lazarus Union.

The Corps Saint Lazarus International, or simply the Lazarus Union, is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on humanitarian aid and civil protection, whilst following the principles of Saint Lazarus; tolerance, humility, mercy and charity.

<http://www.lazarus-union.org>





★ Texas Navy Association News: ★



“Announcing the Victory” by Peter Rindlisbacker to the USS San Jacinto



On the morning of March 4, 2021, Admiral Richard M. Dempsey, Immediate Past President of the Texas Navy Association, presented the painting “Announcing the Victory” by Peter Rindlisbacker to the USS San Jacinto (CG-56), while the ship was docked at Pier 2, Naval Operating Base Norfolk Virginia.

Representing the ship were Captain Ed Crossman (CO), Commander Grant Bryan (XO) and Master Chief Petty Officer LaFrederick Herring (CM/C). Admiral Dempsey provided some background on the instrumental contributions of the Texas Navy leading up to the Texas Army's victory at the Battle of San Jacinto. He then read the artist's notes furnished context to the painting. The painting was most well received by the Captain and crew of the USS San Jacinto, and it will be displayed in either the Unit Commander's Stateroom or the Wardroom in the near future.



Admiral Richard M. Dempsey, Capt. Ed Crossman, Comm. Grant Bryan and Master Chief Petty Officer LaFrederick Herring.



★ Texas Navy Association News: ★



Help Needed for Texas Navy Association's

50th Anniversary Planning Committee

This committee is tasked with planning activities to appropriately celebrate 50 years of continuous incorporation of the Texas Navy since 1972 and its service to the citizens of the State of Texas. The tasks for this coming year of 2021 include the following:

- Develop a schedule of activities to celebrate the 50th Anniversary (2022) of the Texas Navy Association to include ceremonies, recognition during historical related events, historical presentations, a gala, a barbeque, publications, commemorative items and official state & local governmental recognitions. All with the theme of celebrating the 50 years of the existence of the Texas Navy Association and to bring greater recognition of the contributions of the Republic of Texas Navy.
- Create a full spectrum media campaign plan with interaction with TV/Radio, print and social media. Identify potential interview participants focusing on major media markets (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Austin) as well as smaller markets as opportunities present themselves. Develop talking points/common messages for interviewees reflecting researched history of the TNA, marketing materials including hard stock, branding / logo and various commemorative 'swag' including a medal for purchase.



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Help Needed for Texas Navy Association's *50th* Anniversary Planning Committee

• Implement fund raising effort to solicit contributions first specifically for the Anniversary in the amount of \$2,500 and more broadly for the use of the Texas Navy Association to promote the history and heroics of the Texas Navy. This effort should be coordinated with the Chairman of the Development Committee Admiral Jerry Patterson.

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“The committee has the urgent need for a member of the TNA who has marketing / media interface experience, who with the assistance of other committee members can coordinate the TNA’s communications to the citizens of Texas this important achievement. Anyone who is interest should contact either or all the following: Jim Tyson (admtyson@texasnavy.com), Rick Dempsey (rm Dempsey@utdallas.edu), David Wetzel (dfwetzel@rocketmail.com).”



Recent Events Involving The Texas Navy



Quarterly Report

Adm. Andy Hall Chairman

Search for the *Invincible* Committee

Texas Navy Association

Closing Out the East Beach Site

By Adm. Andy Hall, Search for the INVINCIBLE Project



In early March 2021, the Search for the INVINCIBLE Project Archaeologist, Robert Gearhart, submitted his final report to the office of the State Marine Archaeologist on the investigation of the East Beach site. He will be closing out the permit issued by the Texas Historical Commission in 2018 for a Phase I survey of that location (Texas Antiquities Permit No. 8593). Bob's review of the data, reported previously, found that there is no clear evidence of a shipwreck or other significant cultural material at that location. All invoices related to this project have been paid. This brings to an end this chapter of the Search for the INVINCIBLE Project – but not an end to the book. There are more chapters of that book yet to be written.

The lack of results in this phase of the project is disappointing, but I believe nonetheless that we went about the project in the correct way: logically, deliberately, and above all, thoroughly. We applied every available technology, including new-generation ground penetrating radar that was not available just three years ago, in the hope of finding clear evidence of a shipwreck at that site. Although the initial magnetometer data was suggestive of a shipwreck site that had been broken and scattered — as INVINCIBLE likely was — none of the follow-up work was able to confirm that.

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INVINCIBLE is still out there, and the Search for INVINCIBLE will continue.

I cannot express how much I've appreciated the support the project has received over the last three years, whether that support has been in the form of a financial contribution, in the form of volunteer hours working at the site lugging equipment, or simply an occasional word of encouragement. The leadership team of the Texas Navy Association has been unfailing in its support of the project, as has the TNA Board of Directors.

I would especially like to recognize the critical assistance of TNA Past President Bill Turner, who took on the unenviable task of securing the financial support that made all the rest possible. He went about that effort with skill, good humor, and infectious optimism.

I will be stepping down as Chairman of the Search for the INVINCIBLE Committee, effective April 10, 2021. It has been an honor and a privilege to me to be able to lead this project over the last three years, and I hope that when INVINCIBLE is finally found and identified, the work we've done together will be seen as one of the steps that led, however indirectly, to that great accomplishment.





★ This Quarter in Texas Navy History ★

(Jan to March)



March 12th, 1836

On this day in 1836, Luke A. Falvel was commissioned captain of the Flash. On the same day, the crew was sworn in. The vessel was a privateer fitted out for service in the Texas Revolution. Privateers, private ships carrying letters of marque from the Republic of Texas, were used to supplement the small Texas Navy. The Flash was ordered to proceed to the Brazos River to pick up victims of the Runaway Scrape, take them to Morgan's Point, and defend that place in case of a Mexican attack. The ship sailed on several more missions before it ran aground and was lost in May 1837.

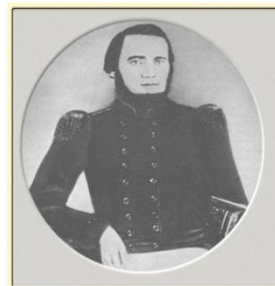


★ Texas Navy History Brief: ★



Commodore Edwin Ward Moore **(Fleet Commander, April 1839-July 1843)**

Edwin Ward Moore was the guiding light of the Texas Navy during his glory years. The son of an aristocratic Virginia family, Moore joined the U.S. Navy in 1825 as a midshipman at the age of 15. He was assigned to squadrons serving in the Mediterranean and Atlantic coastlines until he was transferred to the U.S. West Indies Squadron aboard the warship Hornet. This squadron, based in Pensacola, covered the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, and it was during his voyages with this squadron that Moore first became exposed to warfare in the Gulf, malaria, and Texans. In 1835 he was promoted to lieutenant, and he quickly proved to be one of the U.S. Navy's brightest stars. Despite his mastery of naval..



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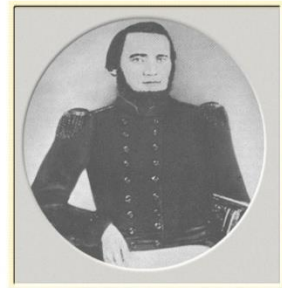
Commodore Edwin Ward Moore

....skills, his quick intelligence, and his hard work, Moore was unlikely to get beyond lieutenant for another decade in the peacetime U.S. fleet. Many captains from the War of 1812 were still around, and Moore's midshipman class would not expect to find many commanders in its ranks until the Civil War. When Moore's ship anchored at Galveston in early 1838, it is likely that Moore began thinking of possibilities in the naval service of Texas.

With the naval appropriations act of 1837, Texas began rebuilding its navy. Sometime in April 1839, President Lamar offered Moore the job as commander of the Texas Navy, and Moore evidently accepted, recruiting officers from the ranks of the U.S. Navy while at the Brooklyn Navy Yard in New York. The U.S. Secretary of the Navy, John Forsyth, moved to court-martial Moore for violating the Neutrality Act of 1819, but Moore managed to resign in July 1839 before a trial could be convened. He moved to Texas, assuming the rank of Post Captain, and because he commanded a squadron, he was universally given the courtesy title of Commodore.

Moore spent the last half of 1839 recruiting men and procuring supplies for his new fleet, which included the steamer of war Zavala, the six-gun schooners San Bernard, San Antonio and San Jacinto, the sixteen-gun brigs Archer and Wharton, and biggest of all, the 500-ton sloop-of-war Austin. On the last day of 1839, Moore was arrested in New York for violating U.S. neutrality laws by recruiting more men for the Texas Navy, and upon his release on bail, he sailed back to Texas to begin operations.

By June 1840, the largest fleet Texas ever fielded was ready to sail. The Zavala, the Austin and the three schooners left Galveston for the Mexican coast, intent on persuading Mexico to accept Texas independence. During this cruise, Moore's fleet allied itself with federalist rebels in Mexico, particularly those fighting for the government of Yucatán, which was in revolt against the central Mexican government. In October 1835, Moore's squadron forced a garrison of centralists out of the Tobasco town of San Juan Bautista, earning the fleet \$25,000 in silver as promised by the federalist rebels. Unable to find any warships to fight, and with his provisions running low, Moore returned to Galveston on February 1, 1841.....



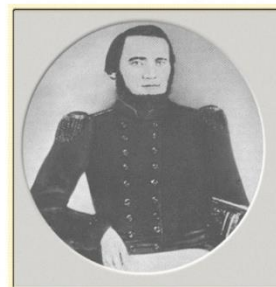
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....Moore was a brilliant naval commander and an excellent administrator, but he lacked the kind of political skills needed to maneuver the labyrinth of Texas politics, and he was surprised to find that President Lamar's political support had eroded to virtually nothing. Congress ordered most of the fleet mothballed, and Moore spent the summer and fall of 1841 conducting a survey of the Texas coastline, a mundane but important job that saved the Republic thousands, if not millions of dollars in insurance by providing a reliable map of the treacherous Texas coastline.

With the fall of 1841 came the return of Sam Houston. President Lamar, constitutionally prohibited from succeeding himself, lost the support of Congress, and prepared to watch Sam Houston undo all his hard work in creating a first-class fleet for Texas. Before he left office, however, Lamar signed an extraordinary agreement with the government of Yucatán which rented the Texas Navy out to Yucatán in return for \$8,000 per month. Moore was ordered out to sea in October 1841, and he made sure that his ships were well away from Galveston when Sam Houston was sworn in on December 13, 1841. Houston tried to recall the fleet, but it was too late. When he arrived off the Yucatán coast in January 1842, however, Moore was disappointed to learn that Yucatán was engaged in heavy negotiations to reunify with Mexico, and Moore saw little action on this cruise. When Houston's orders to return reached Moore in March 1842, he had no choice, and he retired to Galveston to find provisions and men for his fleet.

The year 1842 was a frustrating one for Moore. The bankrupt Texas government could not, and did not, pay its officers or sailors, and Moore chafed under President Houston's anti-naval policy, which Moore viewed as tactically short-sighted and strategically indefensible. Houston demanded that his government save money by mothballing its fleet at a time when Mexico was building its navy up for an invasion of Texas. The steamer Zavala was abandoned on the Galveston shore for lack of funds, and sank into the mud, never to sail again. The brigs likewise began to decay from lack of maintenance, and men began to resign and desert with alarming regularity. Commodore Moore used his personal funds, then his personal credit, to feed his men and keep the ships.....



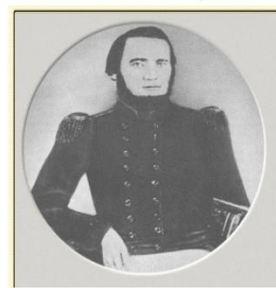
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....safe while he vainly tried to get President Houston to release appropriated naval funds. When the public demanded a strong response to Mexico's capture of San Antonio in 1842, Houston declared a blockade of the Mexican coast, although he refused to provide Commodore Moore with any money to fund the blockade. As 1842 passed into 1843, Mexico's rebellious province of Yucatán was again at war with the central government, and Moore, now stuck in New Orleans with no money to come home, saw an opportunity to renew the alliance that funded the Texas Navy during the Lamar administration. He sent the schooner San Antonio to Yucatán to renew the alliance (it was never heard from again), and by January 1843, he had pledged to support Yucatán as a means of saving Texas from another Mexican invasion, which diplomats said was sure to follow rapprochement between Mexico and Yucatán.

But Sam Houston had other ideas. Convinced that the Texas Navy was just a glory-hounding waste of money that would serve no purpose other than to provoke a war with Mexico and complicate Houston's plans to annex Texas to the United States. In January 1843, Houston convened a secret session of Congress, convinced the legislators that the fleet was a waste of resources, would never go to sea again, and needed to be sold. On January 16, the Texas Congress passed a law ordering the sale of the Texas Navy at auction, and President Houston appointed James Morgan and William Bryan to go to New Orleans, assume command of the decrepit fleet, and sell it.

Moore, now learning about the ways Sam Houston operated, met the commissioners and showed them a first-rate, professional fleet, drilled and equipped to make a fearsome naval force. He used Yucatán silver to fit out the 20-gun Austin and the 16-gun brig Wharton, and convinced the commissioners that Texas would have no defense against invasion if it sold its fleet and Yucatán joined Mexico, as Mexico made it clear that once it put down the Yucatán revolt it would turn its attention to the "Question de Tejas." Commissioner Morgan saw that Moore was right, and authorized Moore to take the squadron home to Galveston, as ordered, via Yucatán. Moore's two-ship squadron sailed from New Orleans to Campeche in mid-April 1843 and broke a Mexican blockade that included the world's mightiest warship, the 1,100 ton ironclad steamer.....



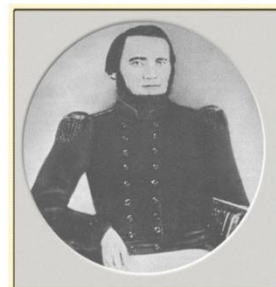
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....Guadalupe. Mounting monstrous guns that fired 68-pound exploding shells, the English-made Guadalupe was the most advanced warship in the world. The Guadalupe was escorted by the equally huge armed steamer Moctezuma and a squadron of sailing ships. Even when some small Yucatán ships sailed to join Moore's sloop and brig, the Mexican fleet easily outgunned the allies.

The first contact between the two fleets took place on April 30, 1843, when Moore drove the Mexican fleet off Campeche, saving the embattled city from capture by the centralist army. The Mexican fleet dispersed, leaving only the warships Guadalupe, Moctezuma and Aguila to guard Moore's tiny squadron. On May 16, 1843, the fleets battled a second time, and Moore's Austin and Wharton, unaided by © Texas Navy Association the timid Yucatán squadron, drove off the Mexican ships with a heavy loss of life. This engagement proved to be the only time in history that a sailing ship bested an ironclad steam-powered warship, and signaled the swan song of the Age of Sail.

The Texas Navy returned to Campeche in triumph, only to find that in March, President Houston had published a proclamation to the world claiming that his officers were pirates, and calling on the "naval powers of Christendom" to arrest his rogue officers! When the Yucatán coast was secure, Moore returned to Galveston to tumultuous applause and celebration as Texas' newest hero. Coastal inhabitants claimed he would be the next president, perhaps even king, of Texas, and welcomed the fleet home with parades, banquets and speeches. Moore, however, offered himself to the Galveston County Sheriff as a prisoner under President Houston's March proclamation, but the sheriff refused to arrest Moore. President Houston quickly dismissed Commodore Moore, and virtually all officers of the Texas Navy submitted their resignations in protest. Moore demanded a court-martial, as required by Texas law, and when Houston ignored Moore, the commodore published a pamphlet, "To the People of Texas," in which he set out the doings of the Texas Navy in great detail. (This pamphlet, which has become the single most important record of the Texas Navy, survives only in archives and a few libraries today.) The pamphlet had its desired effect: Congress passed a resolution forcing Houston to give Moore a court-martial, and the court, a group of hand-picked friends of Houston, promptly acquitted Moore of virtually...



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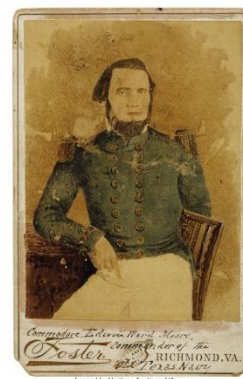
....all of Houston's charges.

Commodore Moore never commanded a warship after July 1843. He spent the remainder of his days trying to get the Republic, then State, to reimburse him for nearly \$50,000 in personal loans he made to keep the navy afloat. He also worked to get himself and the other Texas Navy officers inducted into the United States Navy, on grounds that the treaty of annexation incorporated the men as well as the ships into that service. The efforts failed, although in 1857 Congress awarded the Texas naval officers five years' pay in return for a release of all claims of rank in the U.S. Navy. Moore married Emma Cox of Philadelphia in 1849, and returned to Galveston in 1860 to assist with the construction of the Galveston customs house. He lived long enough to see the conclusion of the Civil War, and died on October 5, 1865.

In 1876, Texas honored Moore by naming a county after him. It is one of the great ironies of Texas history that a county named for Texas' naval commander should be located in the Texas Panhandle, about as far from the Gulf of Mexico as a Texan can travel.

For further reading, see *Commodore Moore and the Texas Navy*, by Tom Henderson Wells, and *The Texas Navy in Forgotten Battles and Shirtsleeve Diplomacy*, by Jim Dan Hill. Other papers relating to Commodore Moore can be found at the Texas State Library and Archives in Austin, the Center for American History in Austin, and the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. Also, check our Texas Navy Bibliography.

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★ TX Navy Member Appreciation: ★

Recognizing the men & women of the TNA who are furthering Texas history throughout the state.



**Admiral
Dr. Amy Jo Baker**
Texas Navy Liaison to the
Daughters of The Republic of Texas



**Admiral
Jason Chall**
Texas Navy Newsletter
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On March 1st, The Alamo Trust, Inc, a private non-profit corporation that manages day-to-day operations and staff at the Alamo, celebrated the arrival of the Immortal 32 to the Alamo grounds. Usually the event is a large gathering with reenactors representing each member of the 32, plus speeches from various political and historical leaders from across the state. Because of Covid restrictions The Alamo Trust decided to create a video narrated by decendants of the Immortal 32 to be played on various social media oulets instead of a live celebration. The video can be accessed by this link....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhVzjzffeFQ>

Admirals Dr. Amy Jo Baker & Jason Chall, both decendants of Immortal 32 members, were invited by the Alamo Trust to say a few words about what it means to them to be related to these brave men from Gonzales. Two of the 32 Rangers, James George age 34 and William Dearduff, age 25 are Amy Jo's third great grandfather and third great grand uncle respectfully. Jesse McCoy age 33 is the fourth great grand uncle of Jason Chall.

The Immortal 32 was a relief force of thirty-two Texian Militia from the Gonzales Ranging Company who reinforced the Texians under siege at the Alamo. They are "immortalized" as the only unit to answer the To the People of Texas & All Americans in the World letter. Along with the other Alamo defenders, they were all killed and burned after the Battle of the Alamo.



New Members



Levels of Membership of The Texas Navy

Admiral Annual Membership - \$50.00 (USD)

Subscription period: 1 year

No automatically recurring payments

One must hold a commission as Admiral in the Texas Navy which is awarded by the Governor of Texas.



Commander - \$37.50 (USD)

Subscription period: 1 year

No automatically recurring payments

Must be age 26 and up



Lieutenant - \$25.00 (USD)

Subscription period: 1 year

No automatically recurring payments

Must be age 16 to 25



Associate Member - \$25.00 (USD)

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Admiral James Clements



**Admiral James Reagan Clements Jr. Retired Vietnam Veteran US Army SP5
Member Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, State Secretary
Member General Society of the War of 1812.**

Admiral Kelly Bert King



Graham, TX native, son of Lt. JG, Beverly W. King, USN. Graham High School 1969, University of Texas, Austin Bachelor of Journalism 1974, Owner/Publisher Graham News/Lake Country Star 1975-78. Retired after 40 years service as Municipal Fire Chief/ Emergency Management Coordinator of Haltom City and Keller, TX, and Asst. Chief Texas A&M Forest Service, South Central Branch, Humble, TX.



★ New Members ★

Certified Master Texas Firefighter and Master Texas Peace Officer, Executive Fire Officer certification from United States Fire Administration, National Fire Academy.

Sailing/ownership experience: Sunfish, 23' Mc Gregor cutter, Westsail 32, Island Packet 38'. Currently own West Wight Potter 19', and power boats; Proline 23' and Rosborough RF 246. Also a private general aviation pilot, 3 SCUBA certificates, and amateur radio operator.

Admiral James David Hornfischer



James D. Hornfischer's books have led reviewers to rate him as one of the most commanding naval historians writing today. His awards include the 2018 Samuel Eliot Morison Award, given by the Board of Trustees of the USS Constitution Museum for work that "reflects the best of Admiral Morison: artful scholarship, patriotic pride, an eclectic interest in the sea and things maritime, and a desire to preserve the best of our past for future generations."

His most recent book is "The Fleet at Flood Tide: America at Total War in the Pacific, 1944–1945". Recipient of the Navy League's 2017 Commodore John Barry Book Award, it is a major narrative of the U.S. Navy's Central Pacific drive in World War II, covering the air, land and sea operations that seized the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Guam, as well as the strategic air operations conducted from the Marianas that ended the war.

Hornfischer's "Neptune's Inferno: The U.S. Navy at Guadalcanal" (2011), a New York Times bestseller, was chosen as a best book of the year by numerous book reviews. "Ship of Ghosts" (2006) told the story of the cruiser USS Houston (CA-30) and the odyssey of its crew in Japanese captivity. "The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors" (2004), a combat narrative about the Battle off Samar, received the Samuel Eliot Morison Award from the Naval Order of the United States and was chosen by the Wall Street Journal as one of the five best books on "war as soldiers know it" and by Naval History magazine as one



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“a dozen Navy classics.” Hornfischer has also collaborated with Marcus Luttrell, the bestselling author of “Lone Survivor,” on Luttrell’s second autobiography, “Service: A Navy SEAL at War” (2012).

All of Hornfischer’s books have been selections of the Chief of Naval Operations Professional Reading Program, managed by the office of the Chief of Naval Operations and the U.S. Naval War College. He is a regular contributor for the Wall Street Journal and has written for Smithsonian, Naval History, Naval Institute Proceedings, and other periodicals. He has lectured at the U.S. Naval Academy, Marine Corps University at Quantico, the National WWII Museum, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and other venues. He serves on the board of the Naval Historical Foundation.

Admiral Richard E. Martin



Born in Houston. Graduate of Spring Branch HS. Joined Navy in 1961. Retired 1989 as CTMC. BBA and MBA in Operations Mgt from Sam Houston State. Retired also from Texaco, inc. Operations Manager at Lone Star College, The Woodlands. Lecturer/Adjunct Prof at U of H Downtown, The Woodlands. Opened retail store in 2012 Galveston but closed it and fully retired last year. Still live in Galveston.

Admiral Milton Scott Powell



USCG Master and internationally recognized salvage master and oilspill response manager, 25 Years fighting Oil Wells Fires onshore and Offshore, Undergraduate at TAMUG in Maritime Transportation and Marine Engineering, Certified Oilspill Management at Mass. Maritime, Upper level studies at University of Houston in Industrial Fire Protection and VillaNova Law School in Contract Administration. Retired from Wild Well Control, Inc as Vice President with a 543 safe well kill record. still do occasional consulting and Expert Witness work.



★ New Members ★

Admiral Brian H Teichman



I was born on Galveston Island into a maritime family that immigrated to Galveston Island through its port. I am a graduate of Ball High and earned a degree from Texas A&M University in College Station. I currently divide my time between my homes in Houston and Galveston Island.

Commander Ernesto Anaya



Ernie is President for Senior Housing Group at Bull Realty focusing in the Age Restricted Multifamily, Independent Living, Assisted Living/Memory Care, Skilled Nursing, and Hospice sectors. Former Army Officer with the 1st Cavalry Division (Top Secret Clearance), Military Order of Foreign Wars, Life Member of the American Legion, and Strathmore Who's Who Worldwide. Knight Commander in the European Order of the Eagle of Georgia. Caballero, Maestranza de Caballeria de Castilla y Leon, Spain. Also a member of the Army & Navy Club in Washington, D.C., and the Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island.

Commander Robyn C Davis



I am a 4th generation Texan. I am currently employed as a police officer with the City of La Porte Police Department and have been so since 1999. I am assigned to Criminal Investigations Division (CID) as an Identification Officer. I have been employed by the City of La Porte for 30 years.

I am the current President of the La Porte Police Officers Association and the Deaf Smith Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.

My wife, Destiny, and I currently reside in Pasadena, Texas with our daughter. My hobbies are spending time with my family and spending time at our country home in North Zulch.



★ New Members ★

Commander Felton Lynn Joseph, Jr.



I graduated from Ball High School. Graduate from Texas A&M University. I was a member of the Corps of Cadets and the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. I served five years in the Texas Army National Guard. I am currently a LT in US Navy Reserve. I am currently a supervisor in the United States Secret Service. I protected President Bush while in office and as a former President. I have a graduate degree from the Metropolitan College of New York, where I currently serve as an Adjunct Professor. I have been married for 15 years and I have three children.

Commander Louis Owen Vogt Jr.



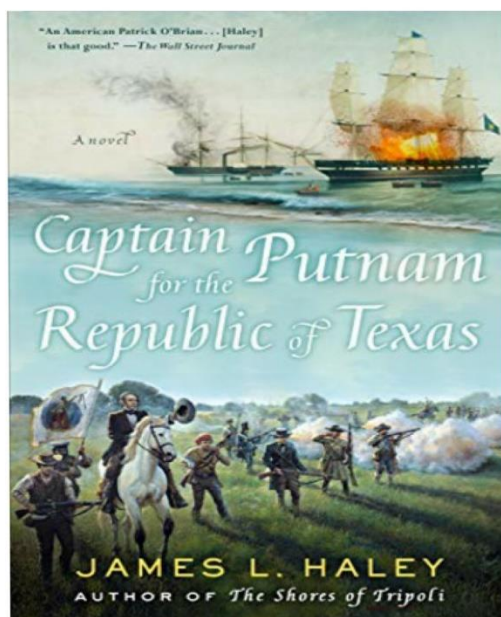
Mr. Louis Owen Vogt, Jr. is a railroad retiree and former Vietnam Era U.S. Navy veteran. In retirement he has volunteered countless hours at his church to help feed the poor and supports other worthwhile charities such as the Rescue Mission, Manna Ministries, Presbyterian Community Center, United Methodist Committee on Relief, and Marine Toys for Tots. His father and sons are U.S. Army veterans, each awarded combat infantryman badges and bronze stars in conflicts spanning World War II, Desert Shield/Storm, and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. In fact, his father was the basis for the book, "The Iron Men of Metz: Reflections of Combat with the 95th Infantry Division." Mr. Vogt is an avid reader of American and military history and has participated in the recording and transcription of oral military histories for several projects. Mr. Vogt is a selfless citizen that will make a great addition to the Texas Navy Association.

Associate Roy Dudley Jr.

Born and raised in Houston. I have served Active Duty in the U.S. Navy from 2008 - 2012 and currently serving Active Navy Reserves drilling out of Ellington Field, attached to NSF (Naval Security Force) Guantanamo Bay. Enjoy serving this great nation and continue to do so until the military forces retirement. Also, I work in the oil and gas industry with Schlumberger as a Manufacturing Planner in the Sugar Land area. I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter (age 2). Deaf Smith Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas.



Book Recommendations:



Captain Putnam for the Republic of Texas

BY JAMES L. HALEY

G. P. Putnam's Sons, US Hardback
\$28.00

AVAILABLE NOW

United States Navy Captain Bliven Putnam commands his beloved sloop-of-war *Rappahannock* on a cruise through the West Indies – her final mission, or so he believes.

After three decades in the sea service, dating back to his days as a young midshipman serving under legendary naval officer Edward Preble in USS *Constitution* during the Barbary Wars, Putnam is ready to retire to his home and wife in Litchfield, Connecticut.

Returning to Boston and Charlestown Navy Yard, Putnam reunites with his wife, Clarity, bids farewell to “Dear old *Rappahannock*,” destined to become a hulk, and settles down on the family farm.

Suffering from swamp fever, a lingering illness from his time in the tropics, he ponders retirement from the

until a Navy courier arrives with orders to report to Pittsburgh, “a matter of both the gravest urgency and greatest secrecy.”

Traveling by riverboat to New Orleans under “orders that make no sense,” Bliven is further astonished when he discovers *Rappahannock* and his old friend Sam Bandy, who had settled in Texas years earlier, “in a god-damned uniform” waiting for him.

Bandy delivers the next jaw-dropper when he tells General Stephen Austin that “I have come to New Orleans to find a ship and crew” and explains to Putnam that he has been seconded to the Texas Navy with President Andrew Jackson’s assent.

The Texas Revolution, with Texians – colonists from the United States and *Tejanos* (Texas Mexicans) – fighting for independence from the Mexican national government headed by Antonio López de Santa Anna, is aflame.

Rappahannock is now the warship *Gonzales*, bound for Texas, with Putnam in command and Bandy as his first lieutenant. Their top-secret mission is to support Sam Houston’s Texas volunteer forces, who may have already been overrun by Santa Anna’s army, which recently had overrun the Alamo.

James Haley – novelist and historian – is a skilled storyteller. His captivating narrative brings 1830s America vividly to life, from relatively tranquil New England to naval engagements at sea to bloody battles in Texas.

As *Gonzales* sails into the Gulf of Mexico under a “lone-star” flag to blockade ships carrying supplies and weapons to the Mexican forces, she faces “a considerable fleet of privateers,” threatening the Revolution and Bliven Putnam’s future.

Captain Putnam for the Republic of Texas is another inspiring yarn from a master in historical fiction. ■



★ In Memoriam ★

DAVID HOWARD PETERSON

Born November 11, 1927 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin passed from this life Wednesday morning, March 24, 2021, in Hitchcock, Texas



David was born to Opal Kuns of Illinois and Elmer S. Peterson, born in Norway. His youth was spent on the lands in Vermillion County, Illinois on a farm homesteaded by his 3rd Great Grandfather in 1844. At age 16, during World War II, David entered the U.S. Merchant Marine Training Station in New York and received training in the engine department aboard ship. He left the Merchant Marine after having served 2 ½ years in the Atlantic, Mediterranean and Pacific war zones. David was awarded the Medal for Freedom for his part in the "Great Patriotic War" (1939-1945) from the Russian government for his service during "Murmansk Run".

He served in the U.S. Army from 1949 to 1955, receiving basic military training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division. He was sent to Japan where he was reassigned to active duty with the 49th Field Artillery Battalion, 17th Regimental Combat Team, 7th Infantry Division in Japan. One year later he landed at Inchon, Korea in September 1950 and served until October 1951. David was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for heroic action in the evacuation of refugees from the Yalu River in North Korea. He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was reassigned for 6 months at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland and another 6 months at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. In 1952 he was assigned to the 142nd Field Artillery Group, 7th Army in Europe and served in Germany with the Occupation Forces there. He was discharged from the service in May 1955 at Fort Hamilton, New York.

David retired from the space program in 1998 and was employed in 1956 with Douglas Aircraft Company at White Sands Proving Ground, NM. He was later employed with North American Aviation in 1963. This company later became Rockwell International and was prime contractor for the Saturn-Apollo moon project. David was transferred to Kennedy Space Center for the duration of the

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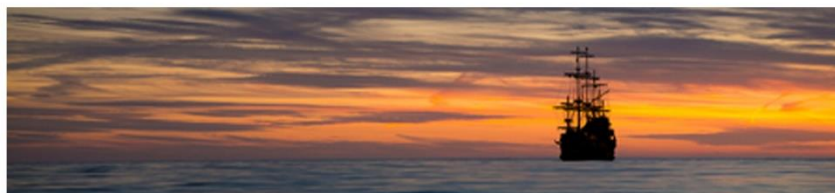
Apollo moon project and was later assigned work at Johnson Space Center in Texas working with the crew equipment group on approach and landing tests on the shuttle Orbiter project. He is responsible for 2 inventions on the shuttle Orbiter and has received several certificates of recognition for his work and contribution to the space program from management and astronauts alike.

David joined the ranks of the Sons of the American Revolution, in 1982, a hereditary and patriotic organization, and has served as president of the chapter in Galveston. David served as state president. Other organizations of note are; past president, Sons of

the Revolution, he served as Deputy Governor General, Society of Colonial Wars. Past president of the War of 1812; Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims; The Aztec Club of 1847; The Sons of the American Colonists; The Society of Indiana Pioneers; The Illinois Prairie Pioneers; The Ancestry; The International Society of the descendants of Charlemagne, The Royal Society of St. George and is an Admiral in the Texas Navy. David is a life member of the First Marine Division Association, The Seventh Infantry Division Association and the Korean War Veterans

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Nieves Schehl, Dorothy Peterson and Mary Ottyce Peterson; sons, David Peterson, Jr., Stephen Peterson; sister, Donna Smock; grandson, Chris Benninghoff.

Survivors include his son, Richard Peterson and wife, Mary Jo; daughters, Teresa Montero and husband, Art, Monica Benninghoff and husband, David, Donna Peterson, SGT Naoma Peterson (Ret. USAR); stepdaughter, Diane Mallett and husband, Paul; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 3 nieces, 1 nephew and numerous cousins.





In Memoriam



GLENN CLAYTON MATHIS SR.



Glenn C Mathis Sr passed away on November 30, 2020. He was born in Gary, IN, on January 30, 1930, to Clarence and Beatrice Mathis. He graduated from Lew Wallace High School in 1948. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War at Glenview Naval Station in Illinois and then served 4 years in the Naval Reserves. He was married to the love of his life, Peggy Starr Baker, for 62 years before she passed away December 2, 2012. He was deeply loved in his community.

Glenn worked for US Steel for 28 years as a supervisor in the plate mill. He retired in 1984. Glenn loved to hunt and fish, and boating was his passion. He was a Master Mason. He was a lifelong member and admiral in the Texas Navy.

He was a lifelong and 45 year member in the Galveston Bay Sail and Power Squadron. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Beatrice Mathis Skolds, sister Carolyn Mathis, and granddaughter Amanda Sharp. He is survived by his son Glenn C Mathis Jr and his wife Gwendolyn; son Roger S Mathis and his wife Lynda; daughter Pamela Mathis Hernandez and her husband Rick; granddaughters Sheila Mathis Siefried, Maddy Mathis, Chloe Mathis, Victoria Hernandez and Rachel Hernandez; grandsons Timothy Sharp, David Roberts, and Daniel Sharp; great granddaughter Nicole Roberts; and great grandsons Leyton Sharp, Bradly Roberts, and Dustin Roberts.

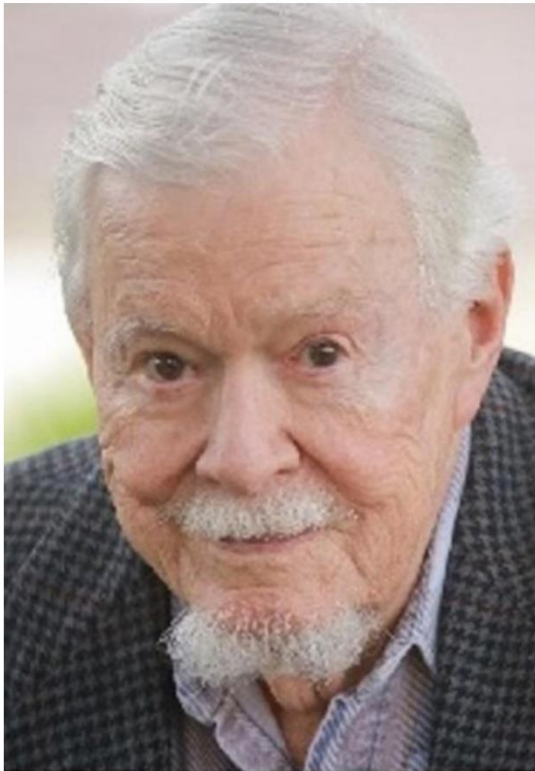


In Memoriam



CAPTAIN WILBUR HARRIS VANTINE

1925 - 2020



Edinburg, TX - Steady at the helm. In 1944, 19-year old U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Midshipman Wilbur Harris Vantine had the wartime fears of all seamen-storms, U-boat torpedos and Imperial warplanes. American Merchant Marine had a casualty rate surpassing the Army and Navy, after all. But after being ordered to self-report 25 demerits for having fallen asleep in a class on Naval Courts and Boards, it was a foregone conclusion that, once the report was processed, the soon-to-be top scholar in his section would be expelled. The number of demerits exceeded the limit. His name would be posted any day on the 'Mast List' for expulsion.

Van, the name his peers called him, later wrote that it never crossed his mind to request leniency; he chose to take the humiliation of expulsion as well as he could. However, an unknown midshipman later informed Van that the Vantine demerit report had 'slipped' out of the report box as the unknown midshipman fished out his own report. The demerits were never processed. Van graduated atop his section in 1945.

Born in Quanah, Texas, on 16 March 1925, to stock farmer John Theodore Vantine and Lola Blanche Kerley. Van was largely raised by his sister Blanche Vantine in Missouri after his mother's death in Van's infancy.

Upon graduation from the Academy, Van was commissioned in the Navy Reserve, joined the Merchant Marine, and served on tramp freighters in various capacities until 1957. At that time, the U.S. Government considered Van a civilian. At age 26, Van obtained his Master Mariner license. He married Dorothy Marie Whittaker (Schneck) of Sedalia, Missouri, in 1956, and became step-father to 14-year old Dewey Blaine Whittaker. Though Capt. Vantine had

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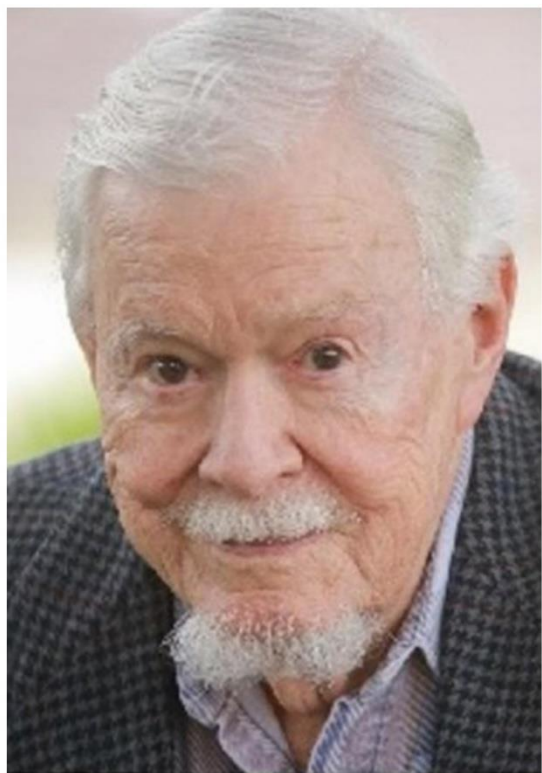


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no offspring of his own, he informally adopted Dewey.

Van defined the stages of his life as 'before Dorothy,' 'with Dorothy,' and 'without Dorothy.' The photos from their lives in Panama (1957-1997) reveal their extensive joint travels and their involvement in Canal Zone and expatriate activities and causes. Van's individual interests included astronomy, photography, ship bridge design, expert pistol marksmanship and Macintosh computers.

From 1957 to 1983, Capt. Vantine served as a Panama Canal Pilot. His work: to temporarily take the bridge of a large vessel and expertly conduct an ever-changing orchestra of sailors,

tug captains and engine room workers through the congested confines of the locks, cuts and sea traffic lanes of the Canal. Each full transit took 8 to 12 hours.

Van's employment and service records were spotless except for one seeming blemish-a reprimand for having led the Panama Canal Pilots Association through a series of creative, successful strikes against the U.S. Government for safer work conditions in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The union collectively, and with scrupulous precision, performed their duties 'by the book.' The effect was to slow Canal operations to a crawl; D.C. and the NYSE took notice. Van's efforts resulted in safer work conditions at the Canal along with higher pay and better benefits for the pilots. Eventually, the reprimand was rescinded. Van later remarked that it took a lot of bureaucratic mischief to turn a lifelong Republican into the president of a labor union.

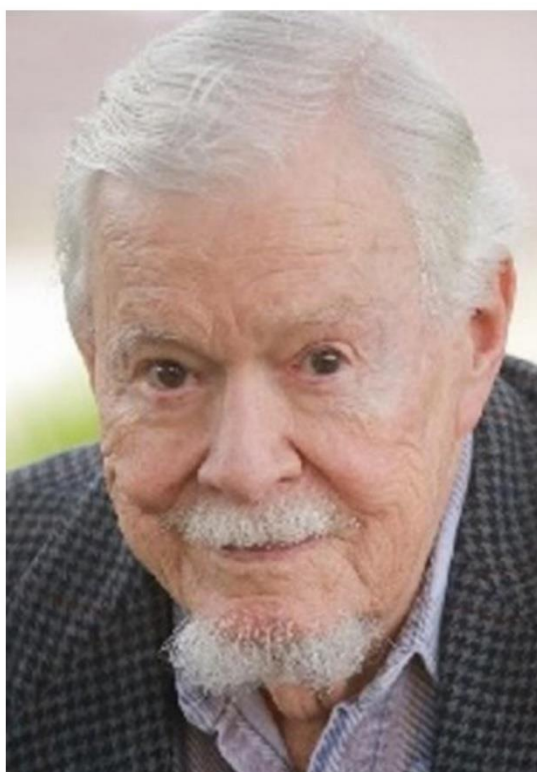


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Dewey married Maria Concepción Molina Monreal in 1970, and the couple had two children before Dewey died in 1980. Van invested Dewey's life insurance proceeds and used them to fund Dewey's children's education.

Van and Dorothy considered Maria their own and encouraged her to love again. Maria remarried, and her children and step-children regard Van as their grandfather.*

Just before Jimmy Carter surrendered the Canal Zone to Panama, Van and Dorothy moved into Panama City, became expatriates, and resided in a series of apartments overlooking the Bay of Panama. After early retirement in 1983, Capt. Vantine continued

working as a marine consultant and part-time oil tanker pilot units 1997.

In 1989, 44 years overdue, the U.S. Government recognized Capt. Vantine's maritime war service with veteran status.

By 1997, Capt. Vantine and his bride retired to the Tucson Foothills in Arizona, where Dorothy suffered a stroke the following year. Shortly thereafter, Van and Dorothy moved to McAllen, Texas, to be near Maria.

Over the next 11 years, as Dorothy's health declined, Van served as her caretaker. In her final weeks, in order to have Dorothy pass in the presence of loved ones, Van rented rooms in the home of Maria's CNA relatives. Their marriage lasted 52 years. He said of the stroke, "It took my best friend." Their marriage lasted 52 years.

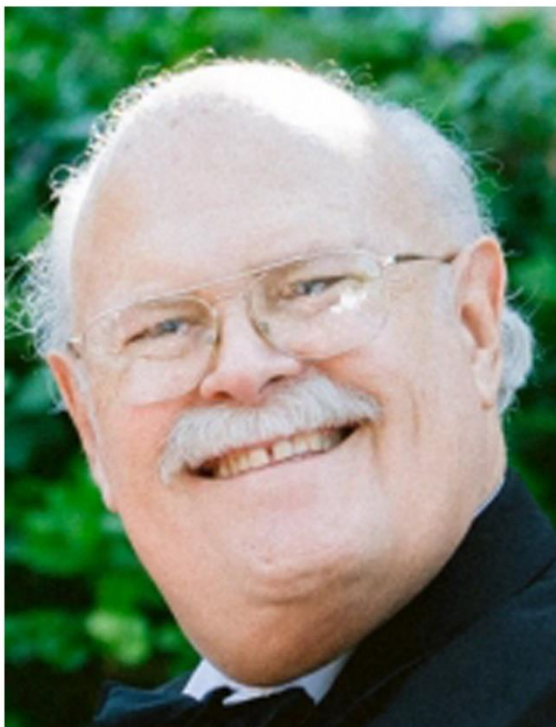


In Memoriam



DAVID WILLIAM JAUER

APRIL 3, 1948 - DECEMBER 21, 2020



David William Jauer passed away on Monday, December 21, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas. Born on April 3, 1948, at the historic Nix hospital to William E. Jauer and Marion B. Jauer, he is a fifth generation Texan descending from Johann Carl Ludwig Jauer, a citizen of the Republic of Texas. After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School, he enlisted in the US Navy and proudly served his country during the Vietnam War as a cryptographer on the USS Walke. Following a tour of duty on a UN peacekeeping mission in the Mediterranean, he honorably separated from the Navy. He then toured Europe for almost a year, creating many fond memories.

David graduated with honors from Southwest Texas (now Texas State University) and joined a prominent real estate & commercial development firm as a broker, developer, and general aviation pilot. A successful, admired real estate broker and SRA-designated real estate appraiser, he started his own firm, Jauer & Associates, where he practiced many years until retiring in 2015. An avid traveler, David enjoyed scuba diving with the San Antonio International Nautical Team (S.A.I.N.T.s), and established Caribbean Yacht Cruises, a private charter yacht brokerage.

A lifelong Episcopalian, he married his devoted wife Elizabeth (Liz) in the garden of Cathedral House with Bishop Harold Gosnell officiating. They enjoyed 42 wonderful years of marriage and have one delightful daughter, Joyce Elizabeth (Joy) who made her Daddy proud by graduating from both Harvard University and Texas A&M University's Bush School of Government and Public Service.

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DAVID WILLIAM JAUER

APRIL 3, 1948 - DECEMBER 21, 2020



David was inducted into the prestigious Order of the Cascarone in 2014 for his more than 40 years of service to Fiesta San Antonio: as a life member, PMO Commissioner, and one of the original "Fiesta Men." Like his father and brother, he was a member of Rotary International for decades, part of the SA Northwest Club and recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow. He dedicated his time to many other civic activities: he was a member of The Sons of The Republic of Texas and was active in the Alamo and Travis Chapters for over 40 years; a member of Beethoven German Club for 26 years; President of the Appraisal Institute, SA Chapter; President of the SA Jaycees; life

member of the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo; designated an Admiral in the Texas Navy; a member of the SA Business and Professional Club; served over 25 years on the City of Shavano Park Planning and Zoning Committee; and was currently serving as President of Los Alledadores. He also designed the Fiesta medals for Sons of the Republic of Texas and Beethoven for many years. David will be missed by his Lee High School buddies who still meet each month.

David was preceded in death by his parents and nephew Jeffrey E. Jauer, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Jauer; daughter, Joyce Jauer and husband Jonah Schrowang; brother, Jeffrey Jauer and wife Sylvia; niece, Vanessa Jauer; great-nieces and nephew Cailan Jauer, Samantha Jauer, Hannah Arnold, and Zane Arnold.



In Memoriam



MARY ELIZABETH MACKE WALKER

**MARY ELIZABETH MACKE WALKER, AGE 96, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY
ON MARCH 30, 2021 AT HER HOME IN CROCKETT.**



Mary was born August 25, 1924 in Goose Creek, TX to parents, John Henry Macke and Vertie Ann Barber Macke. She graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown where she was voted most popular and most likely to succeed. Her life adventure continued at Sam Houston State College. Upon the bombing of Pearl Harbor, she, like many others, left school to support the war effort, beginning work for at the Humble Oil and Refining Company (now Exxon) in Baytown. On VJ Day, August 15, 1945, she was assigned to work at the Naval Aviation Supply Depot in Oahu, Hawaii. Mary was later transferred to the Eighth Army in Fukuoka, Japan. She often related stories of her adventures traveling on military transport about the Pacific. She later returned to her same job at Exxon, but after four years returned to work for the Army in Japan during

the Korean War. At an Eastern Star meeting in Yokosuka, Japan she met Harold Walker. Soon after, they were married on the naval base. After nine years in the Marine Corps, Harold was transferred back to the states. He retired and moved the family to Houston to finish his degree and be close to family. In 1963, Harold took a job with Rex Cauble (a local rancher) and moved the family to Crockett. After a few years, Harold opened his public accounting business with Mary as the secretary. Always wanting her degree, Mary went back to Sam Houston, earned a BBA in accounting in 1980 at 56 years old. When the children suggested that it would be "neat" if both their parents were CPAs, Mary passed the CPA exam and went to work in Harold's firm.

A rich family history in the colonization of America and Texas stimulated an interest in genealogy. In 1991, she was selected for the Board of the Daughters

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of the Republic of Texas. She became the President General for DRT and an Honorary State Regent. She later became the East Texas Colony Regent for Texas Division Magna Charta Dames and Barons and the National Teller Chairman and Texas President for the United States Society Daughters of the War of 1812 and the Texas Governor and National Chairman for Auditing for the Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars. She belongs to over twenty other lineage organizations and participated at various levels of activity in those. Her most prized membership was in the National Gavel Society, an association of Chairs and past Chiefs of National Lineage Societies. Mary was made an Honorary Admiral in the Texas Navy in 2008 and awarded the Yellow Rose of Texas by Governor Rick Perry for her contribution to Historical

Societies in Texas.

She was a lifelong member of the Methodist church, attending the First United Methodist Church in Crockett, a 80+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Rainbow girls, a life member of Beta Sigma Phi, active in her local political party, a charter member of the Mission Tejas State Park Association and a Charter Member and Honorary President of the Barrow Family Association of America. She was neighborhood chairman for the Girl Scouts for twelve years.

Mary and Harold loved to travel all over the world and raised their children to do the same. Their home was always full of guests and known as a place for great entertaining.



IN WATERS DEEP

**In oceans waste no poppies blow,
No crosses stand in ordered row,
There young hearts sleep...beneath the wave...
The spirited, the good, the brave,
But stars a constant vigil keep,
For them who lie beneath the deep.
'Tis true you cannot kneel in prayer
On certain spot and think, "He's there."
But you can to the ocean go...
See whitecaps marching row on row;
Know one for him will always ride...
In and out...with every tide.
And when your span of life is passed,
He'll meet you at the "Captain's Mast."
And they who mourn on distant shore
For sailors who'll come home no more,
Can dry their tears and pray for these
Who rest beneath the heaving seas...
For stars that shine and winds that blow
And white caps marching row on row.
And they can never lonely be
For when they lived...they chose the sea.**

Shafetov Andrii
Artist

Written by Eileen Mahoney



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**Good afternoon, Fellow Texas Navy Association
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Join us Thursday evening, April 8, 2021, at 7 p.m. US Central Time for a free online presentation by Jonathan W. Jordan, author of the award-winning book "LONE STAR NAVY: Texas, the Fight for the Gulf of Mexico, and the Shaping of the American West." Jon will describe the fluid international situation leading up to the campaign, the Battle of Campeche and its startling outcome, and how the battle profoundly altered the fate of Texas, Mexico, and the United States.

This program will be live-streamed on Facebook and YouTube, here:

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For more information about the program, visit the Texas Navy Association here:

<https://texasnavy.org/Jonathan-Jordan-Webinar>

Throughout its decade-long existence, the Republic of Texas was never really at peace. Texians struggled to keep the independence they won from a Mexico that refused to admit defeat. A critical part of Texas' defense was the Republic's Navy, which often deployed its warships deep into the Gulf of Mexico and the western Caribbean, striking at Mexico City's commerce and forces, and supporting revolutionary allies in Mexican provinces like Yucatan and Tabasco.

The battle to secure Texas independence culminated in May 1843, when two sailing vessels of the Texas Navy, under Commodore Edwin Moore, engaged a Mexican squadron lead by two iron-hulled steamships armed with ultramodern explosive shell-firing guns. The fate of the republic – and the American West -- hung in the balance. . . .

This program is sponsored through the generous support of the Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport, Texas. The museum's mission is to offer a variety of experiences to children and adults by collecting, preserving, and interpreting items of historical interest for educational purposes; to recount Texas maritime history through artifacts, documents, and other materials of unique or historical value; and to exhibit items to further the public interest, knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of such material and related historical background.

The Museum's collections and exhibits are based on four central themes: (1) the history and technology of offshore petroleum production and transportation; (2) the history and development of Texas seaports, maritime communities and maritime commerce along the Gulf of Mexico; (3) the exploration and settlement history of the Texas Gulf Coast beginning with the Spanish and French; and (4) the Texas seafood and fishing industry.

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