

The Invincible



Artist Captures the Invincible's Last Hours



"Parting Shot: Invincible in Action off Galveston"

This sunset painting portrays the Texas Navy Flagship Invincible giving her Mexican adversaries a last shot as she heads for the entrance to Galveston Channel. The Mexican warships, Iturbide and Libertador had fought the single Texian ship for three hours, trying to trap her, while Invincible tried to lead them toward an inshore grounding.

Great Lakes born (Windsor, Ontario, 1956), Peter Rindlisbacher is a full time historical marine artist. He began painting seriously prior to obtaining a Ph.D. in Psychology at Queen's University, Canada in 1992. For the past twenty five years, he has generally portrayed Fighting Sail and War of 1812 subjects.

Mr. Rindlisbacher creates mainly in oils, but has done watercolor and Photoshop paintings. He prefers intensive research and working with the best historians to accurately depict moments in marine history. Museums and historic sites in the U.S. and Canada have purchased many of his oil paintings, while print editions of his work are sold as fund raisers for various historic groups. His images have appeared on over forty book jackets, on numerous magazine covers, and in a number of video productions such as The History Channel and National Geographic. Mr. Rindlisbacher has done artwork for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and Canadian Navy.

He is a member of both the American and Canadian Societies of Marine Artists. A ship model builder and former sailing instructor, Peter also enjoys operating his replica naval longboat in historical re-enactments on both sides of the border. He currently lives in Katy, Texas with his American-born wife and two children.

In preparation for his next project Pete invited Admiral Will Fisher, IV to accompany him to Matagorda, so Will could share his knowledge of Matagorda with him. Admiral Fisher's forefather was

Samuel Rhoads Fisher, the second secretary of the Texas Navy. S. R. Fisher arrived in Matagorda where he and his family resided until his death. He is buried in the Matagorda cemetery where his grave is marked with a state historical marker.

Texas Navy ships such as the Brutus and the Invincible fought the Mexican navy off the shores of Matagorda.

Will and Pete visited the original house of S.R. Fisher where Admiral Fisher presented to Pete

(L) Admiral Will Fisher and new Admiral Pete Rindlisbacher in front of the original S. R. Fisher house.

his commission certificate as Admiral in the Texas Navy. The historical house is now a Bed and Breakfast owned and managed by Rik and Peggy Stanley. <http://www.stanley-fisher.com/>. Admiral Rindlisbacher is also a member of the TNA. Congratulations on your commission and welcome aboard Admiral Rindlisbacher.



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Florida Yacht Club, Jacksonville, FL.

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015, Native Texan, Rear Admiral Mary M. Jackson, USN, was commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy at a ceremony and luncheon at the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville, FL.



Pictured above is RADM Mary Jackson, USN, receiving her Texas Navy Commissioning document from Texas Navy Admiral Jim Morgan.

Rear Admiral Jackson hails from Wimberley, TX., attended St. Stephen's High School in Austin and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD. in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physics.

At sea, RADM Jackson has served aboard ships in both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets. She was Commanding Officer of the destroyer USS Briscoe (DD 977) and Executive Officer of USS Stout, a Guided Missile Destroyer commissioned into Naval Service in Houston. In her current assignment as Commander Navy Region Southeast, RADM Jackson is responsible for U.S. Navy Shore Installations, many of which are here in Texas.

Sam Houston Squadron Meeting

By: Admiral Marisa Hegyesi- Deputy Commander, Sam Houston Squadron

On Saturday, September 19th, the Sam Houston Squadron (SHS) had a well-attended dinner at Lakewood Yacht Club. Approximately 55 people enjoyed a delicious meal of fish with lemon butter and caper sauce, a mixed vegetable medley, and cheesecake with blueberries. After dinner, participants enjoyed a presentation by Mr. James Harkins, Manager of Public Services for the Texas General Land Office (GLO). Mr. Harkins discussed documents housed in the GLO archives which give insight into the plight of Texas Navy veterans after their service and other genealogical information.

The SHS was proud to commission the following new Admirals – Bryan Baker, Marjorie Clark, Jayne Gillis, and Duane Guidry. Jayne Gillis was unable to be present for her commissioning.



(L) Deputy Commander -Adm Marisa Hegyesi, Adm Donny Genitempo, Commander Adm Marsha Taylor, and Adm Brian Baker



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Dawn Hatch (right photo) was honored as a recipient of the Yellow Rose of Texas Award, granted by the Governor's office and given in honor of Texas women who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer and community service. Each of them has selflessly devoted time and energy for others, honoring and enhancing the great State of Texas.

The Sam Houston Squadron is honored to have these individuals as new members. The next program of the SHS is set for the evening of November 21 in the Lakewood Ballroom and all LYC members and their guests are invited to attend.



(L) Admirals Jack and Alice Thomas are in the front, along with Stephen Hegyesi (in the cream colored jacket).



(L) TNA Board Member, Marketing Director/Membership Chair - Adm Dick Hatch, Yellow Rose Recipient - Dawn Hatch, holding commission certificate is Squadron Deputy Commander - Adm Marisa Hegyesi and presenting the award is Squadron Commander Adm Marsha Taylor

Commodore Edwin Ward Moore Squadron

Announcement

The Moore Squadron has elected new officers: Adm Wayne Courreges – Commander; Adm Mike Young -Vice-Commander.
2016 Quarterly meetings 2nd Sunday of the month Schedule: January 10th, April 10th, July 10th and October 9th, 1pm at The Texas Land & Cattle Company @ IH-35 & 290.



Pictures of the Texas Navy Day Memorial at the Texas State Cemetery at 9am Monday September 21 in Austin Texas. Attending from the Moore Squadron were Commander Larry Schroeder, Vice-Commander Wayne Courreges and Admiral Mike Young.

Tom Toby Squadron

Texas Navy Day Celebration
By: Admiral Curt Osborne, Commander

It's the best time of year to be living in this Great State. The weather is becoming much nicer, and there are all sorts of Festivals and fall events everywhere. I hope you are able to take advantage of as many as you can.

Speaking of events, we just celebrated Texas Navy Day. It was started when the Daughters of the Republic of Texas designated recognition and took the idea of state recognition to Governor Alan Shivers in 1955. Governor Shivers proclaimed the third Saturday of September to be "Texas Navy Day". Sponsored the last several years by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, it has been celebrated ever since.

This year's event took place on the USS Texas and we had nice turnout with a lot of special folks in attendance.



(L) Admiral Jim Bevill, Speaker Dr. Jesus De la Teja, Mr. Bob Steakley, K.S.J. VP General S.R.T.

The musical prelude was done by the Deer Park High School Orchestra. I as Commander of the Tom Toby Squadron, was pleased to welcome all guests including our MC Mr. Bob Steakley, KSJ, and First Vice President General of the SRT. He introduced our speaker, Dr. Jesus Francisco De la Teja who gave an

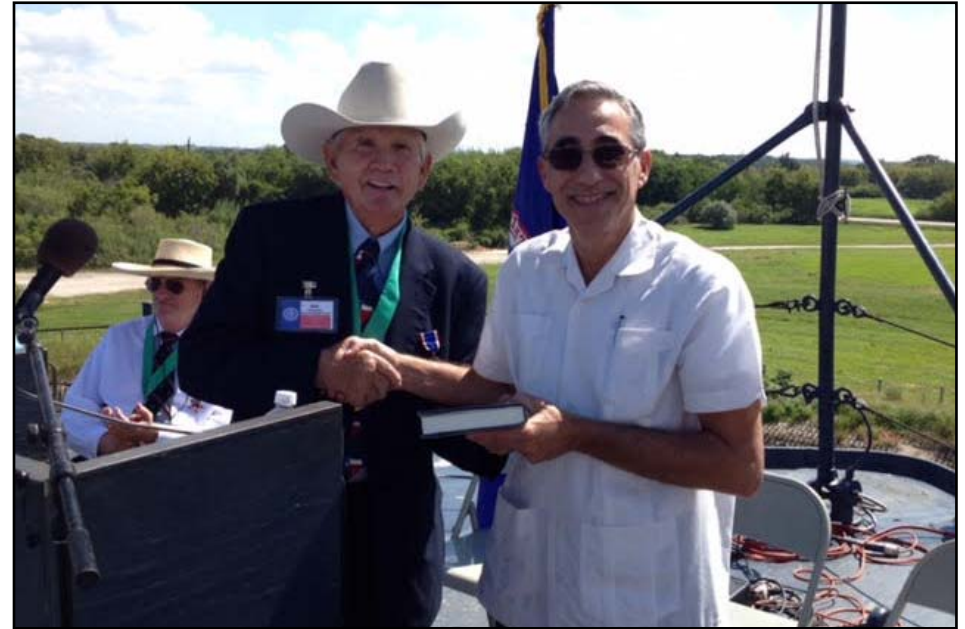


(L) Admiral Osborne, Bob Steakley, Admiral Whitaker, Speaker, Admiral Davidson, Mr. Scotty Patrick, Christine Erickson (Yellow Rose)

informative talk about our early Texas Navy. Proclamations were read from both the Mayor of Deer Park and the Mayor of Houston.



Admiral Davidson, Mr. Patrick, , Mr. Steakly, Speaker De La Teja, Admiral Osborne, Admiral Whitaker



Mr. Steakly, Speaker De La Teja



Admiral Bryant, Mr. Steakley De La Teja, Admiral Whitaker, Speaker De La Teja, Admiral Davidson, Mr. Patrick, Christine Erickson

Thanks also to Admiral David Whitaker of the Sam Houston Chapter of the SRT for acknowledging two sailors of the USS San Jacinto for outstanding service. Mr. Scotty Patrick, President General of the San Jacinto Descendants, Admiral Bill Turner, President, Texas Navy Association, along with Bob Steakley KSJ, First Vice President General of the SRT, laid the Memorial Wreath in honor of those who served in the 1st and 2nd Texas Navy.

As always, Admiral Tom Green did a fine job leading the Color Guard. After our Chaplain, Admiral Joe R. Davidson gave the benediction; we enjoyed a nice lunch at the Monument Inn.

Alamo Couriers' Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas

Commemorating the Texas Navy



TNA Vice President and former Texas General Land Commissioner, Jerry Patterson showing off his winnings accompanied by the artist — Bonnie Balke Kuykendall

The Alamo Couriers' Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas luncheon was held at the San Antonio Country Club on September 19, 2015 celebrating the 180th birthday of the Texas Navy.

TNA Vice President, Admiral Jerry Patterson, was their guest speaker. Admiral Patterson gave a talk on the "Pivotal Role of the Texas Navy in the Texas Revolution". Admiral Patterson is a sixth generation Texan and not only did he give an interesting speech, but he went home with the raffle prize — A watercolor of the "San Antonio".

The watercolor was painted by artist Bonnie Balke Kuykendall. Ms. Kuykendall so enjoyed the project that she painted a series of ships which included the Austin, Zavala, Archer, San Bernard, Potomac, and the Liberty. Bonnie's art work has been a winner each year for the past 5 years in the Senior Division of the Republic of Texas Museum Art Contest.

President of Alamo Couriers' Chapter, Dr. Amy Jo Baker in cooperation with the Texas Navy Association had a very successful event celebrating the Texas Navy. Dr. Baker invited many San Antonio Texas Navy Admirals to attend the luncheon. Many thanks to Dr. Baker for her support with the TNA efforts to form a new squadron in the San Antonio area.

Update Your Address!

Have you moved your residence or about to change your email address? We need current contact information so we can keep you informed about announcements and upcoming events.

Send us your contact information by clicking [Here](#).

TNA Affiliated Squadrons

Chester W. Nimitz Squadron

If you live in the Dallas area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Mike Lambert at mikelambert2@aol.com or 817.368.9076

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, Admiral Marsha Taylor, at marshataylor1@icloud.com

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 Larry Schroeder at lschroeder@grandecom.net

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 Tom Deen at tdeen55@comcast.net

The Tom Toby Squadron

If you live in Houston area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Curtis Osborne at curtosborne@windstream.com (281.242.4972) or Admiral Ron Brown at 713 621-5660.

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

A new Squadron is in the beginning stages of forming in **Galveston**. If you live on Galveston Island or near by and have an interest in joining a Squadron please contact our Membership Chairman/Marketing Director Admiral Dick Hatch at richardbhatch@gmail.com

If you are in the **San Antonio** area and are interested in joining a Squadron; there is one forming. Please contact our Membership Chair/Marketing Director, Admiral Dick Hatch at richardbhatch@gmail.com

The Quarterly Board Meeting

In combination with the
**Annual Membership Meeting of the
Texas Navy Association**

will be held at:

Rosenberg Library

In the

Fox Room located on the **4th Floor**
2310 Sealy St, Galveston, TX 77550

November 14, 2015

at

1 pm

ELECTION 2015 UPDATE

I wish to recognize and acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of the current board of directors of the Texas Navy Association. The existing board has worked together now for two years and the results have been astounding. As a result of terms end and term limits we will be saying goodbye to some of our directors, but not before I express my heart felt thanks for all that was accomplished. Fount McKee, Charles Harrison, Steve Leth and Bill Turner will be leaving office at the end of this year.

Tom Taylor, Vince Morvillo and Richard Dempsey are at the end of their first term and all are seeking re-election. This years election is going to be different than past years elections. First of all, candidates for election to the Board are vetted only to the extent required by our by-laws. They must be a Commissioned Texas Navy Admiral, they must reside in Texas, they must be a member in good standing of The Texas Navy Association and they must have a desire to serve.

Anyone meeting those requirements are placed on the ballot. The membership will elect the Board members in an open, State wide election. The ballots will be mailed to all qualified Admirals in good standing with the Texas Navy Association. If you do not receive a ballot by November first and you believe you should have, please call Adm. Judy Fisher at 713-963-0643. It is highly recommended that you make your selections and return the ballot in the envelope provided for return ballots as quickly as possible. All ballots must be postmarked NO LATER than November 9, 2015 to be counted. In order to establish a three year staggered term as required by our By-Laws, this year the three candidates that receive the most votes

will serve a three year term. The three candidates that receive the next highest amount of votes will serve a two year term. The three directors with another year to serve on their term will round out the staggered terms and we will be compliant with our By-Laws and one third of the Board seats will be up for election each year thereafter.

The continuing success of The Texas Navy Association requires the help of each and every member of the Association. The museum projects at Camp Mabry, The Texas Seaport Museum, the USS Lexington, the School Textbook Project, supplemental lesson plans, quest speakers and our Commemorative Committee's work and ongoing commitment along with the coming formation of new squadrons in Corpus Christi and San Antonio require your help and support. Our mission is growing every day and we are expecting a wonderful and productive 2016. Please vote and support the Texas Navy Association.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to point out what most people never see and that is what an outstanding job The Executive Committee has done in moving this organization down the road toward being a productive, viable non-profit operation. It has been a fabulous two years thank you.

Admiral Richard B. Hatch
Director, Texas Navy Association
Membership Chairman

TNA Board of Director Candidates

Voting ballots have been mailed to all members in good standing. Your vote counts, so please, when you receive your ballot make your choices keeping our mission in mind and mail in your ballot before November 9 to the address indicated on the ballot. Our candidates

are listed on the web site <https://texasnavy.org/2015-Elections> and also in the Members Only area: <https://texasnavy.org/Directory>.

TNA Mission is to preserve and promote an appreciation of the historic character and heroic acts of the Texas Navy. To promote travel by visitors to historical sites and areas in which the Texas Navy operated. To conduct in the broadest sense a public relations

campaign to create a responsible and accurate image of Texas. And, encourage Texas communities, organizations and individuals, as well as governmental entities, to participate with actions and money in pursuit of these objectives.

INCUMBENT - Tom Taylor



Tom Taylor holds a BBA from Texas Tech University, Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law, is a partner with Bush & Ramirez, PLLC, and was a Judge for the Municipal Court of the City of West University Place, Texas for 25 years.

He is recognized by the Texas Supreme Court for contributions to the education of Texas Judges. Tom is Peer Rated "AV" by Martindale Hubble (highest recognized for legal ability and ethics). Mr. Taylor is listed in the Who's Who of American Lawyers.

Tom was appointed an Admiral in the Texas Navy by Governor Preston Smith in 1974 and again in 2000 by Governor George W. Bush. In 1982 he was honored by Governor John Y. Brown of Kentucky with an appointment as a Kentucky Colonel.

Admiral Taylor resides in Seabrook, Texas with his wife Marsha Taylor who is also a Texas Navy Admiral and the Commander of the Sam Houston Squadron.

Complete bio/resume is posted on the web site: <https://texasnavy.org/2015-Elections>

His Vision For the Texas Navy Association

"During my current term, I chaired the By Laws Committee and oversaw the re-write of the TNA's Bylaws. The significant changes in the Bylaws are: The Membership now elects the Board Members and votes on any change in the Bylaws. If re-elected, I wish to: 1) Continue the TNA's efforts to promote awareness of the contributions the Texas Navy made in the Texas Revolution and defending the liberty of the Republic of Texas through museum exhibits and schools history curricula; 2) Promote new ideals and programs to establish fiscal solvency and responsibility in the management of the TNA's business affairs; 3) Promote greater participation and cooperation by and between Squadrons in TNA activities; and 4) Promote greater participation by the membership at large and put more responsibility for TNA affairs in the hands of the members. I respectfully ask for your vote.

INCUMBENT - Vince L. Morvillo, Jr.



Vince Morvillo is a passionate entrepreneur with a record of success in the medical, business consulting, and marine industries.

Although severely vision-impaired at birth, progressing to blindness; Mr. Morvillo has been a fiery competitor in sports, business and in life. He is an accomplished yachtsman of national fame, and an effective motivational speaker - a champion for his audience - that helps big and small organizations change their way of thinking to "harness the power of the unimaginable".

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His Vision For the Texas Navy Association

"From an early age playing in my Uncle's boat yard, smelling the rich sets of wood varnish and caulk I was hooked by sailing ships and the sea. This is perhaps why, for forty six years I ran a marine business. Early naval history, in the form of the Hornblower series, by C. S. Forester, were some of the first novels I read as a youngster. Texas has a unique and rich naval history that was a key in winning our independence from Mexico.

I have enjoyed serving on the TNA board, on the marketing committee, for the past three years, and I would like to continue to work to preserve and bring this story to more of the public. To this end, over the past three years the TNA has worked with three museums that have developed sections for the Texas Navy. The legislature has voted to add the history of the Texas Navy as a part of the 7th grade Texas history curriculum. For this a text book for use in the school is being published.

This is just a beginning, we need to increase the awareness of the Texas Navy to the general public and push forward on reclaiming one of the Texas Navy ships. If I was to say my vision it would be to see the Texas Navy as a prominent part of the history of Texas and enjoyed by all. For this reason I would like to continue to serve on the board to help move along this important work."

INCUMBENT - Richard M. Dempsey



Richard M. Dempsey, P.E., has served as the Associate Vice President of Business Affairs for Facilities Management at the University of Texas at Dallas since the summer of 2006. He previously served as the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in Odessa, Texas, for eight and half years.

Mr. Dempsey graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor degree with emphasis in mechanical engineering. He has two master's degrees, civil engineering and environmental engineering, from Stanford University.

He spent five years as an executive with Honeywell Inc. Home & Building Controls Division in Minneapolis before joining the University of Texas System. Texas Navy: Director -Texas Navy Association, 2011 to 2013

and 2015.

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His Vision for the Texas Navy Association

"The Board of Directors of the TNA should actively pursue opportunities to communicate the importance of the Texas Navy to the establishment and the security of the Republic of Texas Navy. Additionally, the Board should connect the importance of this legacy to events of the current day in order to make the Texas Navy's history relevant to the upcoming generations.

I view my value to the Board as an independent and consensus building voice to help steer the TNA to a position of supporting and respecting all Texas Navy Admirals statewide."

Amy Anne Borgens



Amy Borgens has a Masters of Arts in Anthropology from the Nautical Archaeology Program Texas A&M University (2004) and a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts; Minors in History, Art History, and English Literature from Purdue University (1993).

As the State Marine Archeologist, Ms. Borgens is responsible for the management and protection of undiscovered historic shipwrecks, submerged historic and prehistoric habitation sites, and recorded submerged archeological sites. She conducts project reviews according to federal and state regulations, including the National Historic Preservation Act and/or the Antiquities Code of Texas and Texas Administrative Code, to access potential impacts to submerged cultural resources in a proposed project area. Ms. Borgens issues Antiquities Permits for mandated underwater archeological investigations and evaluates reported results of the investigations.

As head of the Marine Archeology Program (MAP), her responsibilities also include monitoring of documented archeological sites, field investigations for newly reported shipwrecks, management of the Texas Historical Commission (THC) volunteer marine stewards, management of the dive program, maintenance of the THC shipwreck database and marine survey data, public outreach for Texas maritime history and archeology, and management and training of the MAP student interns.

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Her Vision For the Texas Navy Association

I am both a student and scholar of history and with a particular interest in the first half of the nineteenth century in the Gulf of Mexico. I have work professionally in this field since 1997, first being employed as a photographer and conservator at the Conservation Research Laboratory at Texas A&M University. In this capacity I was introduced to all kinds of extraordinary material culture from predominantly Texas shipwrecks, such as the La Belle, but other archeological as well. I have been lucky to work steadily in this field of study since that time and as such, appreciate first hand the dynamic aspects of our history. Archeology presents physical forensic evidence of our past and has a unique ability to both strengthen and sometime undermine conceptions we have about historical events and how they touch us. As a member of the Board, I would like to continue the work I accomplish professionally by inspiring others to take an interest in Texas' unique history, especially as the only state to boast its own once-independent status with a state-of-the-art navy. I can offer my somewhat extensive knowledge of historic resource centers, collections, and published material as it pertains to Texas Navy history and be attentive towards public outreach opportunities that can provide a forum for individual or organizational presentations for TNA subjects. I am a fifth generation, originally from Nacogdoches-Martinville area. My lineal ancestor was with Collinsworth's militia at La Bahia and fought at San Jacinto. I believe it is important to share and pass on the knowledge and pride in our regional roots and state/republic historical accomplishments.

Jeanie Coffey



Jeanie Coffey retired after 27 years as a 7th grade history teacher. Upon retirement she moved to Austin, Texas where she became a lobbyist for the Texas Retired Teachers Association (TRTA) where she learned about Texas government, association recruitment, retention marketing and was a speaker at TRTA local and state meetings.

Currently, she is the National Director of AMBA, a national marketing company that supplies insurance benefits to retired educators and state employees in 27 states. To stay involved with her love of military history and lobbying, since 2003 she has been VP of Legislation for the Greater Austin Area Council of the Navy League of the US.

As a National Director of the Navy League of the US, in 2013 and 2015 she was the national coordinator of the Anchors Aweigh Fly-In to Washington DC to lobby the Texas Congressional Delegation for more money and support for the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines.

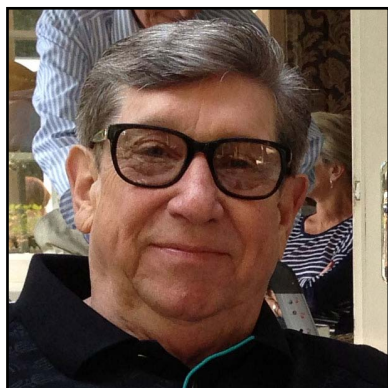
In 2014, she received the Navy League's "Distinguished Service Award" for my legislative efforts.

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Her Vision For the Texas Navy Association

- As a retired educator, I could give insight to your Texas History in the 7th grade classroom endeavor.
- I have worked with the Tom Green County Historical Commission, and active in the Navy League of the US.
- I know how to set up a program to lobby the Texas Legislature and US Congress.
- I know how to recruit and retain association members.

Richard Hovey



Current Founder and CEO of Hovey Motorcars, now 3 generations 18 years in San Antonio Texas. He was hired personally by B.J. Red McCombs of San Antonio as Senior Vice President to Manage, Sell, and Market Luxury and Exotic Cars for 8 Years. He has sold almost a Billion Dollars of vehicles.

Mr. Hovey has solicited over 7,000 individuals for the USAF Airman Heritage Museum is now the Senior Financial Advisor for the Airman Heritage Museum and Foundation, working to procure \$50,000,000.00 for the construction at Lackland AFB San Antonio Texas.

He has been an advisor to the USAF Airman Heritage Museum and fund raiser for the last 5 years and was just given a new title of Senior Financial Advisor to the Airman Heritage Museum USAF San Antonio Texas.

He is a Texas resident for over 30 years and is currently married to Patsy A. Hovey (high school sweethearts) 52 years, 3 Natural Children, 14 Grandchildren including 4 Great, raised 9 Foster Children and Adopted One.

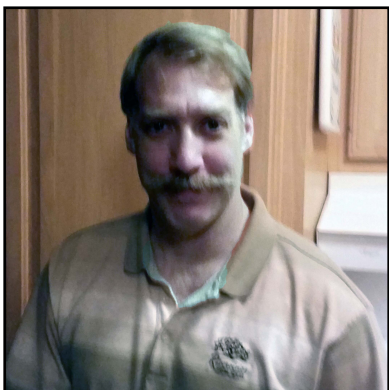
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His Vision for the Texas Navy Association

"I have sold almost 1 billion dollars in vehicles the last 52 Years and have trained thousands in sales, Marketing skills, Selling and Marketing vehicles all over the World.

I believe I can be helpful to further promote the Texas Navy on a Daily Basis to solicit for new members, new opportunities and assist in fund raising, in all, to make the TEXAS NAVY ASSOCIATION a bigger, more prosperous and more well known not only in TEXAS but around the WORLD."

Eran Gronquist



Eran Gronquist has a Masters of Applied Geography from the Texas State University, and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Eran has 20 years of IT Experience – including 10 years as IT Account Manager, implementing and managing corporate, city, and state government IT Help Desk accounts. He managed client relationships, working with client IT and management to ensure all aspects of enterprise support contracts are met.

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His Vision for the Texas Navy Association

"I would like to see the Board of Directors focus on promoting the Texas Naval History through a variety of efforts. These efforts should include an active Public Relations/Marketing (Advocate Position) ensuring that Texas Naval receives good and somewhat frequent press all around the State and even outside the State.

The Texas History Advocates would also lobby to ensure that school textbooks include information on the Texas Navy's important role in Texas history between 1836 to 1845.

Finally, I envision the TNA actively locating and working to facilitate recovery and restoration of remaining Texas Navy ships - including the Invincible - so that this information can help drive interest in the Texas Navy history. My late father, Wayne Gronquist, was on the TNA's Board of Directors for over two decades - and during that time I participated in multiple onshore and offshore expeditions to locate the Invincible beginning in the early 1990's. I continue that search today as a member of the TNA's Search for the Invincible Committee."

John Jay Wilson



John is an Ambassador for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. He works with a few non-profit organizations or private individuals ongoing to supply pediatric wheelchairs to needy kids in 3rd-world countries.

He was a founding member of the non-profit organization RE.L.E.A.F. (Rescuers of Environmental Life, Earth and Air Foundation) and also served as Head of Security at the fund-raising music fest events organized for other non-profit organizations for their causes and beneficiaries. His Celtic band also headlined the music portion of the events which our CD/T-shirt sales monies were donated to these charity causes. A few examples were: the Kali-Ma Foundation (saving the wolves of Yellowstone), Bat Sanctuary (Ft. Worth) and Chimp Haven (Louisiana) which assisted in the initial funds to get the organization started.

Annually he gave a percentage of his salary to the Legacy Scholarship program at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. This assists selected patients that are high-achieving High School students that are of very low income families with the first year of College. Worked on various local Independent and/ or major Production film projects as a Cast Member, Fight Choreographer, Location Spotter or Featured Extra for no compensation. Resume' filler projects or helping launch a new Writer/Director into the business. Volunteer work as it were in some cases. And he has done many various one-time event volunteer services as asked of him.

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His Vision For the Texas Navy Association

"I love Texas, Texas History (mainland and maritime) and the commitment and integrity of its Founders and Freedom Fighters who formed this Republic of ours. I am committed to my State, County and Community to better the life, living and education of Texans (both native and transplants). I stand for the protection and preservation of our natural resources; as well as, our historic assets such as: Sea Wolf Park, San Jacinto, all Monuments, Historic Sites, Museums, Natural Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries ... and our Texas Navy Artifacts and future discoveries. I see the TNA as a valuable leader and partner in these causes to keep our great State in the forefront of progress and providing a foundation for further Texas education both public and institutional. I believe we all should be committed to the dream and futuristic thinking of our Texian Forefathers to maintain our State and to keep it safe from natural disasters, terrorism (internal or external), collapse of natural resources and the burying of history. And to never forget the ones that gave us what we now have and execute the means we need to preserve it. I would like to see the TNA be more public and "seen" at special events giving educational talks or presentations. The First Texian Navy spoke loud and proud and conquered; so we as a very special organization with very special members need to make it known."

Marisa Hegyesi



Mrs. Hegyesi holds a Masters in International Business from the University of St. Thomas, a Bachelor of Science Legal Studies from the University of Houston Clear Lake, and is a certified mediator.

While with the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSCH), she was the Communications Officer for the Office of Facilities Planning and Campus Development.

Mrs. Hegyesi was a liaison/coordinator between the UTHSCH and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the \$100M+ Tropical Storm Allison Recovery. She was published in several national trade and other journals. She also co-authored the UTHSCH Mobility Plan.

Now retired, Mrs. Hegyesi is a member of the Texas Navy Association, the Deputy Commander of the Sam Houston Squadron, a member of Lakewood Yacht Club, sails and travels as much as possible, and enjoys her garden.

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Her Vision for the Texas Navy Association

"Being a multi-generational native Texan, my family instilled in me at a very young age the importance of our State's history. I became an Admiral in the Texas Navy in 2008 at which point I became more involved in the mission of today's Texas Navy - to promote and preserve the history of the Texas Navy.

My vision for the Board is for them to continue their mission through establishing more museum projects like Camp Mabry, the Texas Seaport Museum, and the USS Lexington CV16 throughout Texas, continue the efforts of the Commemorative Committee, along with expanding the efforts of the Education Committee and their establishment of a Speakers' Bureau.

We must work diligently to educate younger generations about the significant history of the Texas Navy so that our history is not lost.

By continuing and expanding these projects, we will not only promote and preserve the history of the Texas Navy for Texans, but will enrich the knowledge of out-of-state visitors as well."



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SHIP'S STORE

Our Ships Store is expanding rapidly! We now have satellite Stores in the Texas Seaport Museum and the Texas Military Forces Museum. Fun new items are planned to expand the inventory with more interesting and fun choices. Below are two new items that are on order and will be available for purchase soon!



Four Star Lapel Pin



Stainless Steel Flask

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