

The Invincible

Newsletter

Spring 2015



Notice - Meeting Change

The Texas Navy Association Meeting, previously scheduled for 1:30 PM, May 9th in San Antonio, has been relocated to Galveston.

The May 9th meeting will be held at 1:30 in the Rosenberg Library, Wortham Auditorium, 2310 Sealy Street, Galveston.

The library contains a museum and has a small Texas Navy display on the 4th floor. There are additional Texas Navy related items on display in other parts of the building. There will be maps for self-guided tours, or if there is enough interest, we can arrange a guided tour.

The library is located only a few blocks from the Strand, the Tall Ship Elissa and the Texas Seaport Museum with its new Texas Navy Display which was underwritten by the Texas Navy Association. If your plans include an overnight stay, let us know and we will try to arrange a special rate in a Galveston hotel.

Bill Turner, President
Texas Navy Association
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Flags of Texas

Texas often is called the Lone Star State because of its state flag with a single star. The state flag was also the flag of the Republic of Texas.

The following information about historic Texas flags, the current flag, and other Texas symbols may be supplemented by information from the Texas State Library & Archives in Austin. (On the web: <http://texasalmanac.com/topics/flags-symbols> and www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/index.html#flags)

Six different flags have flown over Texas during eight changes of sovereignty. The accepted sequence of these flags follows:

Spanish— 1519-1821

French— 1685-1690



Mexican— 1821-1836

Republic of Texas— 1836-1845

Confederate States of America— 1861-1865

United States— 1845 to the present.

Evolution of the Lone Star State

The Convention at Washington-on-the-Brazos in March 1836 allegedly adopted a

flag for the Republic that was designed by Lorenzo de Zavala. The design of de Zavala's flag is unknown, but the convention journals state that a "Rainbow and star of five points above the western horizon, and a star of six points sinking below" was added to de Zavala's flag.

There was a suggestion the letters "TEXAS" be placed around the star in the flag, but there is no evidence that the Convention ever approved a final flag design. Probably because of the hasty dispersion of the Convention and loss of part of the Convention notes, nothing further was done with the Convention's proposals for a national flag.

A so-called "Zavala flag" is sometimes flown in Texas today that consists of a blue field with a white five-pointed star in the points, but there is no historical evidence to support this flag's design.

The first official flag of the Republic, known as the National Standard of Texas or David G. Burnet's flag, was adopted by the Texas Congress and approved by President Sam Houston on Dec. 10, 1836. The design "shall be an azure ground with a large golden star central."

The Lone Star Flag

On Jan. 25, 1839, President Mirabeau B. Lamar approved the adoption by Congress of a new national flag. This flag consisted of "a blue perpendicular stripe of the width of one third of the whole length of the flag, with a

white star of five points in the centre thereof, and two horizontal stripes of equal breadth, the upper stripe white, the lower red, of the length of two thirds of the length of the whole flag." This is the Lone Star Flag, which later became the state flag.

Although Senator William H. Wharton proposed the adoption of the Lone Star Flag in 1838, no one knows who actually designed the flag. The legislature in 1879 inadvertently repealed the law establishing the state flag, but the legislature adopted a new law in 1933 that legally re-established the flag's design.

The red, white, and blue of the state flag stand respectively, for bravery, purity, and loyalty. The proper finial for use with the state flag is either a star or a spearhead. Texas is one of only two states that has a flag that formerly served as the flag of an independent nation. The other is Hawaii.

Rules for Display of the State Flag

The Texas Flag Code was first adopted in 1933 and completely revised in 1993. Laws governing display of the state flag are found in sections 3100.051 through 3100.072 of the Texas Government Code. (On the web: www.tsl.state.tx.us/ref/abouttx/flagcode.html). A summary of those rules follows:

- The Texas flag should be displayed on state and national holidays and on special occasions of historical significance, and it should be displayed at every school on regular school days. When flown out-of-doors, the Texas flag should not be flown

earlier than sunrise nor later than sunset unless properly illuminated. It should not be left out in inclement weather unless a weather-proof flag is used. It should be flown with the white stripe uppermost except in case of distress.

- No flag other than the United States flag should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the state flag's right (observer's left). The state flag should be underneath the national flag when the two are flown from the same halyard. When flown from adjacent flagpoles, the national flag and the state flag should be of approximately the same size and on flagpoles of equal height; the national flag should be on the flag's own right (observer's left).

- If the state flag is displayed with the flag of another U.S. state, a nation other than the U.S., or an international organization, the state flag should be, from an observer's perspective, to the left of the other flag on a separate flagpole or flagstaff, and the state flag should not be above the other flag on the same flagpole or flagstaff or on a taller flagpole or flagstaff. If the state flag and the U.S. flag are displayed from crossed flagstaff's, the state flag should be, from an observer's perspective, to the right of the U.S. flag and the state flag's flagstaff should be behind the U. S. flag's flagstaff.

- When the flag is displayed horizontally, the white stripe should be above the red stripe and, from an observer's perspective, to the right of the blue stripe.

When the flag is displayed vertically, the blue stripe should be uppermost and the white stripe should be to the state flag's right (observer's left).

- If the state and national flags are both carried in a procession, the national flag should be on the marching right and state flag should be on the national flag's left (observer's right).

- On Memorial Day, the state flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon and at that time raised to the peak of the flagpole. On Peace Officers Memorial Day (May 15), the state flag should be displayed at half-staff all day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.

- The state flag should not touch anything beneath it or be dipped to any person or things except the U.S. flag. Advertising should not be fastened to a flagpole, flagstaff, or halyard on which the state flag is displayed.

- If a state flag is no longer used or useful as an emblem for display, it should be destroyed, preferably by burning. A flag retirement ceremony is set out in the Texas Government Code at the Texas State Library & Archives website mentioned earlier.

Pledge to the Texas Flag

Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance
to thee,
Texas, one state under
God, one and
indivisible.

A pledge to the Texas flag was adopted in 1933 by the 43rd Legislature. It contained a phrase, "Flag of 1836," which inadvertently referred to the David G. Burnet flag instead of the Lone Star Flag adopted in 1839. In 2007, the 80th Legislature changed the pledge to its current form.

A person reciting the pledge to the state flag should face the flag, place the right hand over the heart, and remove any easily removable hat.

The pledge to the Texas flag may be recited at all public and private meetings at which the Pledge of Allegiance to the national flag is recited and at state historical events and celebrations.

The pledge to the Texas flag should be recited after the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, if both are recited.

Source: From the Texas Almanac, published by the Texas State Historical Association, www.TexasAlmanac.com

Seminar at Houston Yacht Club

Houston Yacht Club's educational seminar, on February 21, 2015, entitled "Whoever Heard of the Texas Navy?" was a huge success! Approximately 60 to 70 attendees from as far away as San Antonio and the Woodlands attended with enthusiasm. The group enjoyed a 23 minute DVD presentation of the the Republic of Texas Navy presented by Admiral Will Fisher followed by a question and answer session which ran longer than the presentation itself.

Everyone participated with very interesting and thoughtful questions directed to Admiral Fisher. He did an admiral job of answering all questions and directing the group where to find more historic information on the Texas Navy.

Following the question answer session Admiral John Nicholson introduced TNA President, Admiral Bill Turner, who gave a brief outline of the Texas Navy Association's current and future plans.

The seminar was followed with a delicious lunch at the Houston Yacht Club organized by Steve Morehouse, HYC Education Committee Chairman.

Sam Houston Squadron's Trip to Fredericksburg

On Friday, February 6th, members of the Sam Houston Squadron and their spouses traveled to Fredericksburg, Texas. That evening, we enjoyed strolling Main Street, participating in the Art Walk, and savoring delectable dishes from some of the local restaurants.

Saturday morning, we toured the National Museum of the Pacific War, which included the Admiral Nimitz Museum, the George H. W. Bush Gallery, and the Pacific Combat Zone. In the afternoon, the group dispersed. Some visited local wineries, some went shopping along Main Street, and others continued touring through the expansive Museum.



Steve Hegyesi,
Adm. Marisa
Hegyesi, Alan Hill,
Adm. Peggy Hill
& Adm. Marsha
Taylor

Saturday evening, twenty-four of us enjoyed a catered dinner at the Inn on Barons Creek. Admiral Peggy and Alan Hill shared photos and associated history on their recent National Geographic trip to the Coral Sea and Guadalcanal. The trip commemorated the 11th hour, of the 11th day of the 11th month (Veterans Day) by placing wreaths at the Battle of the Bloody Ridge memorial and placing wreaths offshore.

The Battle of Bloody Ridge was a land battle of the Pacific campaign of World War II between the Imperial Japanese Army and Allied (mainly United States Marine Corps) ground forces. It took place from September 12-14, 1942 on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands and was the second of three separate major Japanese ground offensives during the Guadalcanal Campaign. After the presentation, individuals shared stories of their fathers' experiences during WWII. Sunday, we had more free time for the Museum and other Texas local historical sites.

By: Admiral Marisa Hegyesi
Deputy Commander Sam Houston Squadron



The Wine Tour Group



Adm. Mike DeHart &
Adm. Loyd Thornton



Adm. Don Genitempo and
Deloris



Adm. Lou Morinos & Alice

Photos by: Admiral Tom Taylor

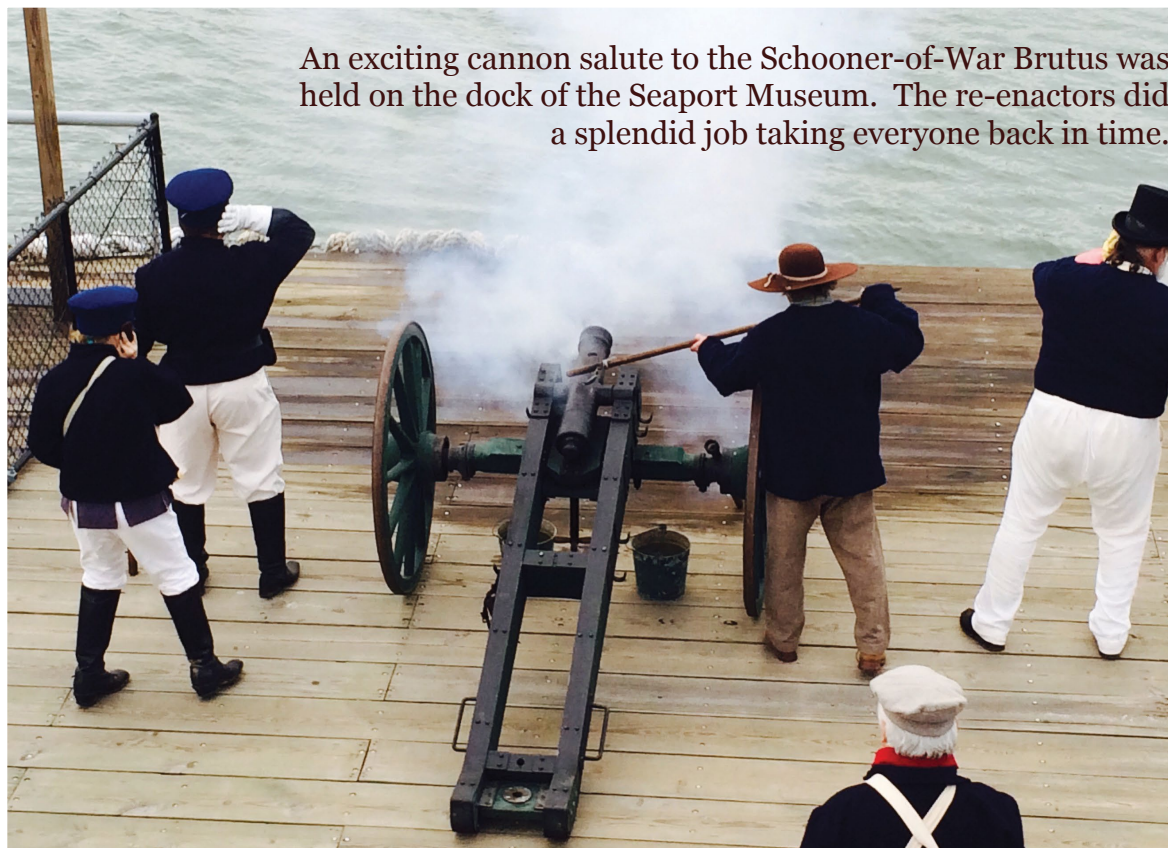
Opening of the Texas Navy Exhibit

The Galveston Historical Association and the Texas Navy Association announced the opening of the new Texas Navy Exhibit by inviting our TNA Admirals and special guests to a private viewing on January 31, 2015 at the Texas Seaport Museum in Galveston.

To kick off the event beer and wine were offered to the attendees followed with a welcome by director of the Galveston Historical Association, Admiral Jamie White. The featured speaker was Admiral Andy Hall who spoke on the topic - "The Short, Sharp Life of the Schooner-of-War Brutus".



(L) Admiral John Nicholson and Admiral Jamie White



An exciting cannon salute to the Schooner-of-War Brutus was held on the dock of the Seaport Museum. The re-enactors did a splendid job taking everyone back in time.

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 marsha-taylor1@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

Squadron Announcements

Commodore Edwin Ward Moore Squadron

The next Moore Squadron meeting will be held Sunday, May 17th, 2pm at the Texas Land and Cattle Company at 290 & IH35 (North). At our last meeting Ww had a wonderful attendance of 20 members and guests. We ate dutch while the meeting progressed. We elected officers: Adm. Bruce Marshall, Commander Emeritus; Adm. Larry Schroeder, Commander; and Wayne Courreges, Jr., Deputy Commander. Items brought up were: The Camp Mabry Texas Military Forces Museum would like funding for a museum grade manikin with a Texas Navy Uniform placed with the Texas Navy exhibit; to have Texas Navy medallions made and put on Republic of Texas Texas Navy personnel gravestones.

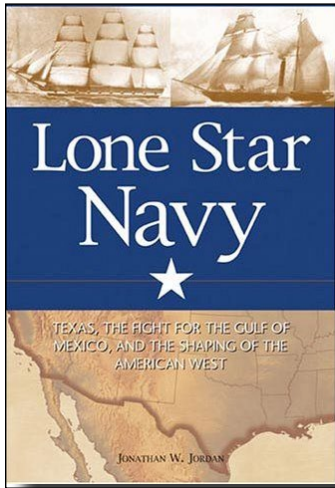
Commodore Larry Schroeder

Don't Get Lost!

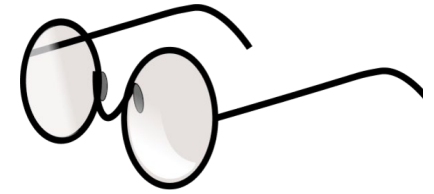
Have you moved your residence or about to change your email address? We need current contact information so we can keep you informed about announcements and upcoming events.

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

Book Reads



Lone Star Navy analyzes the role played by the little fleet of wooden warships, bought on credit and sent to sea by an impoverished band of revolutionaries, in winning Texas's independence from Mexico. Beginning with four small sailing vessels, the upstart flotilla became a vital counterpart to Texan armies fighting for an independent republic. Indeed, Captain Jeremiah Brown's battle off Matamoros in April 1836 helped save the fledgling republic from a premature end. But even as it fought for independence on the Gulf of Mexico, the Texas Navy came under attack from unexpected enemies. The same fierce individuality that led Texans to shake off their Mexican rulers also stymied their efforts to govern themselves with any consensus. Lauded by its advocates as strategically vital and ridiculed by its detractors as a farcical waste of money, the navy became a flash point in a clash of visions. Denied adequate funding, crews suffered long periods without pay, while their vessels fell into chronic disrepair. Still, they steadfastly defended their small nation's fortunes. The U.S. annexation of Texas in 1845 paved the way for its acquisition of New Mexico, Arizona, California, and parts of Utah, Colorado, and Nevada. In shaping the Republic of Texas, the Texas Navy also helped shape the American West.



Author's Bio: *Jonathan W. Jordan* is the author of the award-winning book *Lone Star Navy: Texas, the Fight for the Gulf of Mexico, and the Shaping of the American West* (Potomac Books 2007)

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Jon grew up on Air Force bases, from which his father flew C-141 Starlifters for the Military Air Command during the Vietnam War. He lived in New Jersey, Ohio, and the Philippines until 1976, when his family moved to Selma, Alabama. Jon obtained an accounting degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and his law degree from Vanderbilt University. He practiced law

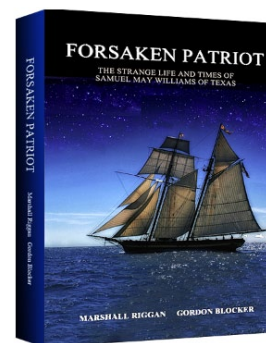
in Texas for nine years before moving to Marietta, Georgia. He lives in Marietta with his wife, Kate, and their three children. He currently practices commercial litigation and corporate bankruptcy law at the Atlanta-based firm King & Spalding LLP.

When not cheering from soccer and basketball sidelines, hiking, shooting, or camping, Jon is working on his next book, on President Roosevelt's high command in World War II.

"At last a narrative on the incredible saga of the Republic of Texas Navy. Overlooked and forgotten for more than 160 years, it's commander,

Commodore Edwin Ward Moore, has been brought back to life and recognized as the greatest hero and naval tactician since John Paul Jones. Jonathon Jordan is to be complimented for filling a huge gap in American history. — *Clive Cussler, author of The Sea Hunters: True Adventures with Famous Shipwreck.*

For all who have an interest in learning more about the Republic of Texas Navy...I highly recommend that you read the "Lone Star Navy". It is a very easy, pleasant, historically accurate and exciting read. — *Admiral Will Fisher, IV*



New book coming about the man who helped fund the First Texas Navy by author Gordon Blocker. Upon release we will share it with you in the next newsletter.

You're Invited

The Houston Military Affairs Committee Presents the **Armed Forces Day Military Ball**

*The Ball Committee requests the pleasure
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2015 Armed Forces Day Military Ball
"100th Anniversary of the Naval Reserve"*

*Saturday, May 16, 2015
Marriott Houston South at Hobby Airport
9100 Gulf Freeway, Houston, TX 77017
6:00 p.m. Social Hour/Silent Auction, 7:00 p.m. Ceremony and Dinner*

Individual tickets- \$65
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Executive - \$2000 (display table and up to 20 seats)
Commercial- \$1350 (display table and up to 10 seats)
Organizational- \$650 (up to 10 seats)
Military- \$650 (display table and up to 10 seats)
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Featured Speakers

Congressman Randy Weber (TX-14)

Rear Admiral Robert L. Greene
Deputy Director, European Plans and Operations
Center, ECJ-3, United States European Command

Brigadier General Dirk Backen
Federal Republic of Germany Military Attache

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Individuals- \$65.00

Questions regarding sponsorship, reserving entire tables, or how to join the "I Support The Troops" Honor Roll should be directed to Commander Gene Tulich at 832-276-3193, email: gene42@flash.net

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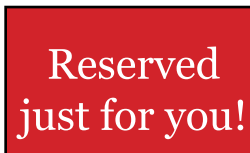
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