

The Invincible

From the Helm

Texas Navy Association Members,

As I write this we are 48 hours out from my second quarterly meeting as your president. I find myself even more excited about the new and continuing positive developments in our organization. In addition to the recently launched Samuel May Williams TNA affiliated squadron in San Antonio, we will soon be standing up another squadron in Galveston, the historic home of the First and Second Texas Navies.

We are increasing our membership and many of you have made contributions to our special projects such as “The History of the Texas Navies” film currently being produced. If you haven’t seen our launch/fundraising clip, click on link below to view it from our web site:



Our Facebook page, “Texas Navy Association” is functional and features many interesting posts and photos, and I ask that you like the page so we can keep you in the loop about what is going on in your TNA.

Please join us this Saturday, 14May, at the historic Rosenberg Library in Galveston Texas. The meeting is scheduled to commence at 1300. I hope to see you there.

Semper Fi and God Bless Texas!
Adm Jerry Patterson, TNA President



New Admiral Commissionings

The Texas Navy Association General Quarterly Meeting was held on February 13 at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston. The meeting was very well attended by approximately 60 attendees. Newly commissioned Admirals Patsy Hovey and Butch Spafford were commissioned by TNA President Jerry Patterson. As Adm Patterson

reads the certificate to the Admirals, Adm Rich Hovey stands by to surprise his wife Patsy with a Ladies Admiral Four Star Pin in celebration of her commission as Admiral in the Texas Navy. Welcome aboard Admirals!



(L) President Adm Jerry Patterson; Adm Butch Spafford; Adm Patsy Hovey and Adm Rich Hovey - Board Member



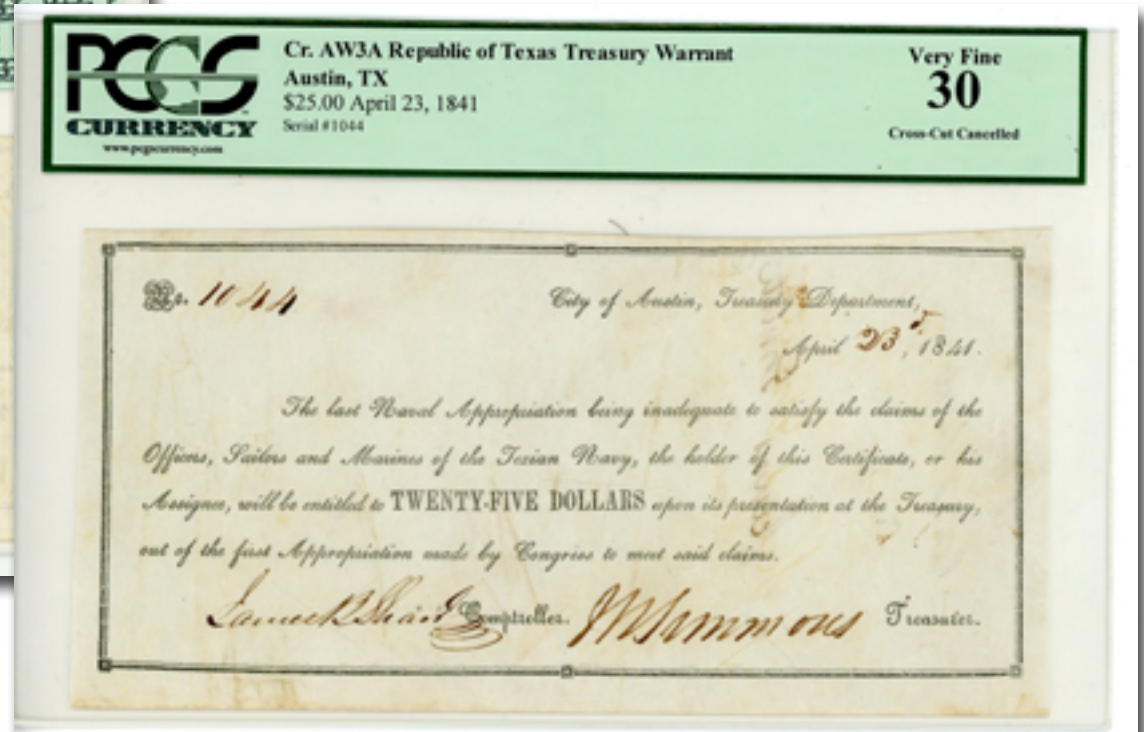


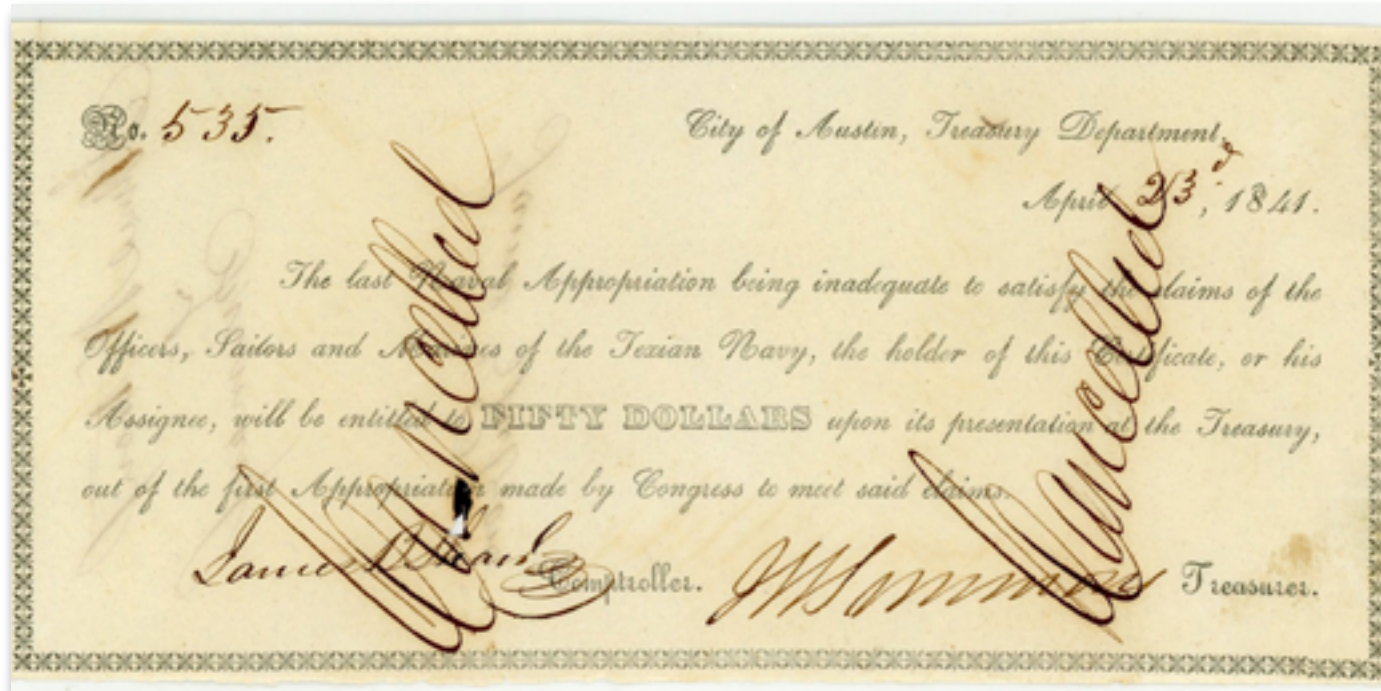
Republic of Texas Treasury Warrants

Last March in Chicago I was able to pick up two different items you may find of interest. Below are 4 scans of two Republic of Texas Treasury Warrants (front and back of each) issued in Austin, TX on April 23, 1841. One is a \$25 warrant and one is a \$50 warrant. These items were issued to compensate the sailors of the Texas Navy. Each warrant is endorsed on the back by the sailor to whom they were issued. The \$25 warrant is signed by a James Smith identified as a "Fireman" and the \$50 warrant is signed by a James Watson, also identified as a "Fireman." I know what a Fireman is in the current navy but I am not sure what the job would have been on board

an 1840's vessel. Both of these items were redeemed and cut-cancelled.

The warrants read "The last Naval Appropriation being inadequate to satisfy the claims of the Officers, Sailors and Marines of the Texian Navy, the holder of this Certificate, or his Assignee, will be entitled to FIFTY DOLLARS upon its presentation at the Treasury, out of the first Appropriation made by Congress to meet said claims." Signed by James W. Simmons, Treasurer.







Sam Houston Squadron Judged Lakewood Yacht Club Boat Parade

The February 13th boat parade was a success. There were a few less entries for this parade, but all of the boats were very nicely done. On behalf of the Sam Houston Squadron of the Texas Navy, Admiral and Mrs. Bob Fuller and Admiral and Mrs. Richard Hatch judged the parade to award a trophy for the entry that presented the best Patriotic Theme. This years winner was boat number 25, "ALIAGE" owned and skippered by Miguel Mileo. Aliage is a 30 foot sloop that was beautifully lighted and displayed a giant American Flag from her mast. Well done skipper. The perpetual trophy has been returned to the club and is ready to receive its new engraving. Adm. Taylor, The Sam Houston Squadron was awarded a sponsors trophy.



Right Photo: (L) Adm Dick Hatch - TNA Vice President and parade Judge; Boat owners: Mrs. Mileo and Mr. Miguel Mileo





Admiral Shaw's boat, "Rising Tide VI", represented the Sam Houston Squadron very well as she proudly led the parade. Rising Tide won the FIRST place trophy in the category of sponsored power boats over 55 feet.

Admiral and Mrs. Hatch presented the Sam Houston Squadron Trophy at Sunday morning brunch at South Shore.

Congratulations to all.

Admiral Richard B. Hatch
Sam Houston Squadron



Right Photo: (L) Adm Paul Merryman; Linda Merryman; Representative of Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce presenting the Sponsors Trophy; Adm Marcy Fryday; Judith Shaw; Adm Roy Shaw; Dawn Hatch - Parade Judge and Adm Richard Hatch - TNA Vice President and Parade Judge



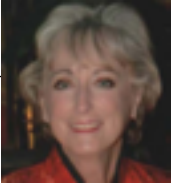


Quilt Design Honors the First Texas Navy



On Saturday April 9 the Houston Yacht Club held the 30th Annual Elissa Regatta benefiting the tall ship Elissa which is docked in Galveston. A live auction was held following the races and dinner. Auctioned was a quilt made and designed by HYC member Babs Bukowski and her 93 yr old mother, Helen Bukowski, who did the handwork. The overall design is a 5 point Texas Star, with each ship hand-embroidered in a star point.





Sam Houston Squadron



(L) Adm Larry Rogers and Bryan Baker

On Saturday, March 12th, the Sam Houston Squadron (SHS) had a very well-attended dinner at Lakewood Yacht Club's (LYC) newly constructed Harbor Room. Admiral Marisa Hegyesi led the group in the singing of the National Anthem accompanied by pianist Madge Hunt. Approximately 70 people enjoyed a delicious dinner of poblano pepper and corn soup, an entrée of mixed greens and grapefruit topped with Texas filet mignon, followed by cake ala mode.

Admiral Bryan Baker conducted the Remembrance Service for SHS Admirals, the first of its kind for the TNA. Admiral Larry Rogers ended the ceremony with a tender memorial prayer.



Admiral Rubye Garrett was presented with a Texas Navy Association Commemorative Medallion in memory of her husband Admiral Bob Garrett. Mrs. Kim Taylor received the medallion in memory of her dad, Admiral George Aurich.

(L) Squadron Commander Adm Marsha Taylor; Billy and Kim Taylor; Adm Ruby Garrett; Adm's Ginny and Tom Garrett





(L) TNA President Adm Jerry Patterson; Adm Chris Dees; Adm Bee Bednar; Adm John Barnett; and Squadron Commander Adm Marsha Taylor

Two new Admirals were commissioned by Admiral Jerry Patterson into the Texas Navy. Lakewood Member, three time winner of the historic Texas Navy Cup Regatta and LYC's 2015 winner of Yacht of the Year Bee Bednar was presented with an Admirals Commission. Immediate Past Commodore of the GBCA and regatta organizer, Chris Dees was also presented with an Admirals commission for his work to pave the way for reviving the relationship between the TNA, The Texas Navy Cup and GBCA, furthering the mission statement of the TNA. This presentation marks the restoration of a tradition dating back to 1971, when the TNA bought and annually presented a perpetual trophy to the winner of the Texas Navy Cup, which is a series of races put on by LYC, HYC and GBCA. SHS Adjutant Officer and racer, Admiral John Barnett was instrumental in reconnecting the frayed lines. Admiral Patterson was also the guest speaker for the afternoon. His presentation on current TNA projects, Texas history, and other topics was humorous, interesting and informative. SHS's next squadron meeting is scheduled for June 25th.

Best Wishes to All!

Admiral Marisa Hegyesi
Deputy Commander
Sam Houston Squadron





Tom Toby Squadron Report

Ahoy Ship Mates

The Tom Toby Squadron is up and running and doing very well. We have over 40 members now and are doing quite well. We are continuing to find new and interested and qualified Admirals. John Martin has done a tremendous job of recruiting.

Jim Fatheree continues to represent us. We all owe Jim a great big thanks. Bill Turner continues to be one of our great supporters.

We are in the midst of planning this year's Texian Navy Day as required by the SRT. It is to be held on Sept. 17, 2016 on the Tall Ship Elissa, in Galveston at 11:00 am. We had a bunch of Admirals attend this year's San Jacinto Day Ceremony at the Monument, and then retire for lunch at the Monument Inn. This was a great day.

We would like to have some more good and educational speakers this year. Jeff Corbin has done a tremendous job as Vice Commander. We owe him a great deal of thanks. Jim Bevill and Tom Green is one of our featured speakers and very valuable members. Joe Davidson is continues to our close connection to our maker. Thanks Jim and Tom and Joe.

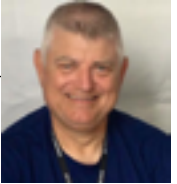
Paul Powell is our Communications Officer and he is doing a fine job.

We are planning on attending this year's Texas Navy Ball as plans are firmed up. We are considering a new meeting location and will respond to this item as soon as possible. More to come as it develops.

Fair winds and following seas.

Admiral Ronald W Brown
2016 Commander





The E. W. Moore Squadron held our April Squadron Quarterly Meeting at Texas Land & Cattle Restaurant's "Longhorn Room" on April 10, 2016 in Austin, Texas. We approved beginning our quarterly meetings at 1300 hours instead of the later start of 1400 hours at our January Quarterly Meeting. This change allows us to enjoy lunch together in fellowship and seemed to work well.

Admiral Mike Young, Squadron Deputy Commander, led our "Opening Ceremony" with the "Pledge to the U. S. Flag" and the "Pledge to the Texas Flag". We recited the "E. W. Moore Squadron Mission" statement together once the verbiage was agreed upon: "The Edwin Ward Moore Squadron mission is to bring together in fellowship individuals interested in preserving and disseminating the history of the Texas Navy, and to promote awareness of the Texas Navy's crucial importance during the Texas Revolution and the years of the Republic.

Admiral Gordon Kelso, Squadron Chaplain, graced us with a heartfelt invocation.

Admiral Larry Schroeder, Squadron Past Commander, highlighted our Squadron's effort to man a Texas Navy Association table at the "Washington on the Brazos Event." Admiral Fisher made this request of our Squadron and we were honored to do so. Admiral Larry provided the leadership and did an outstanding job putting the table display together, which included hard tack biscuits, Republic of Texas money, a historical poster-board full of interesting facts, a picture of a Texas seaman and rope with knots used during that time period. We also had a replica of a ship's deck cannon and cannon balls and shot on display.

The event was well attended and there was lots of appreciation expressed for the Texas Navy Association being there. This is an annual event that our Squadron will continue to support. We learned a lot from our first time there and next year

will be even better!

Admiral Karen Thompson, Squadron TNA Board Representative, shared with us that the French Legation Event did not go as intended. The French Legation is facing some tough issues in the near term as money is needed to fund the property. Admiral Karen discussed our continued support for the TNA Memorial Medallion. We are so proud of her efforts and appreciate her leadership. She is an amazing daughter of Texas!

Our Squadron now has a full complement of officers with Admiral Andy Barkley accepting the position of Squadron Executive Officer and Admiral Steven S. von Roeder accepting the position of Squadron Sargent-at-Arms. We are now positioned well to begin the tasks ahead of us to promote awareness of the Texas Navy through our Squadron's efforts to share the story of the Texas Navy at local schools and events such as the Washington on the Brazos Event. We also have the opportunity to tell our story at the Camp Mabry Museum and will be working toward that goal.

Our Squadron has reviewed and voted to approve our Squadron Bylaws. We took a lot of time going through the proposed Bylaws before voting on them during our meeting. Several corrections were made after errors noted. Texas Navy Association President Jerry Patterson was in attendance and his knowledge and attention to detail was very much appreciated. The newly approved Squadron Bylaws will be distributed soon. The current Bylaws as stated will require some additional actions be taken.

During the discussion of the Bylaws, the topic of "Indemnification of Squadron Officers" caused some concern as to whether to have it or not. Our newly commissioned Executive Officer, Admiral Andy Barkley, agreed to research indemnification and the cost for it. There



Moore Squadron

was a general consensus that having this protection for our officers is desirable, but the may be cost prohibitive.

Great News! Admiral Hugh Hornsby received his “Admiral of the Texas Navy” certificate signed by Governor Greg Abbott and was recognized for his lifetime of service to our community and the Great State of Texas. Our Squadron is stronger for it! His family roots run deep in Texas history and we share his pride in his family heritage. Admiral Hugh has accepted the responsibility of Squadron Financial Officer and brings a wealth of financial experience with him!

Judge John Powers was our honored speaker for this meeting. He shared with us stories that he had uncovered during his study of the Texas Navy during the Texas Revolution. Our Texas Navy sailors were heroes one and all, but they could also be a rowdy lot too as Judge Powers shared. They lived hard and fought hard and knew no other way! Judge Powers presentation was very interesting and enjoyed by all. The meeting concluded at 1520 hours.

Admiral Wayne Courreges
Commander
Edwin W. Moore Squadron



(L) Adm Mike Young, AdmHugh Hornsby and Adm Wayne Courreges
Squadron Commander



Bravo Award for TNA Admiral

Texas Navy Admiral Lynna Kay Shuffield (third from left in photo) is one of nine employees of the City of Houston who recently received the city's highest honors for public service, the Bravo Award.

By definition, city employees are public servants, and there are those who see time outside work as an opportunity to serve even more. Each year the City of Houston recognizes such spirit among its employees and the Mayor honors these volunteers with the Bravo Awards.

In a ceremony conducted by Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner on May 3,



2016, Lynna Kay Shuffield was recognized for her 40+ years of volunteer efforts toward historical documentation, preservation and restoration in Texas and for helping others research their own ancestry and family histories.

Some of her projects include working to preserve and restore historical makers and cemeteries in Texas. She has researched and filed paperwork which enabled the designation of 13 additional historical Texas cemeteries. Among her many achievements, she did the research necessary to have names of over 1000 veterans added to the Harris County Veterans War Memorial. Most recently, Lynna Kay did the research, fundraising and coordinated the project to have statues of the Allen Brothers cast and permanently placed on the front steps of Houston's City Hall. (The Allen Brothers are remembered for many great deeds and accomplishments, including the very timely and important sale of the Brutus to the Texas Navy, in 1836, at cost.)

Some of Lynna Kay's other historical and genealogical interests include being a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Oran M. Roberts Chapter, a Board Member of the Texas Jewish Historical Society, and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as a DAR Genealogy Consultant and DAR Volunteer Field Genealogist.

Bravo for a Texas volunteer!



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Texas Navy Admirals representing the TNA attended the San Jacinto Day Ceremony

Photo: Front - Adm Butch Spafford; friend of Adm Spafford..Candice; former TNA Board member Adm Beth Fisher; TNA Vice-President Adm Dick Hatch; Adm Chester Barnes; former TNA Board member Adm Fount McKee; at the end - Texas Maritime Historian Adm Andy Hall along with other Texas Navy dignitaries.

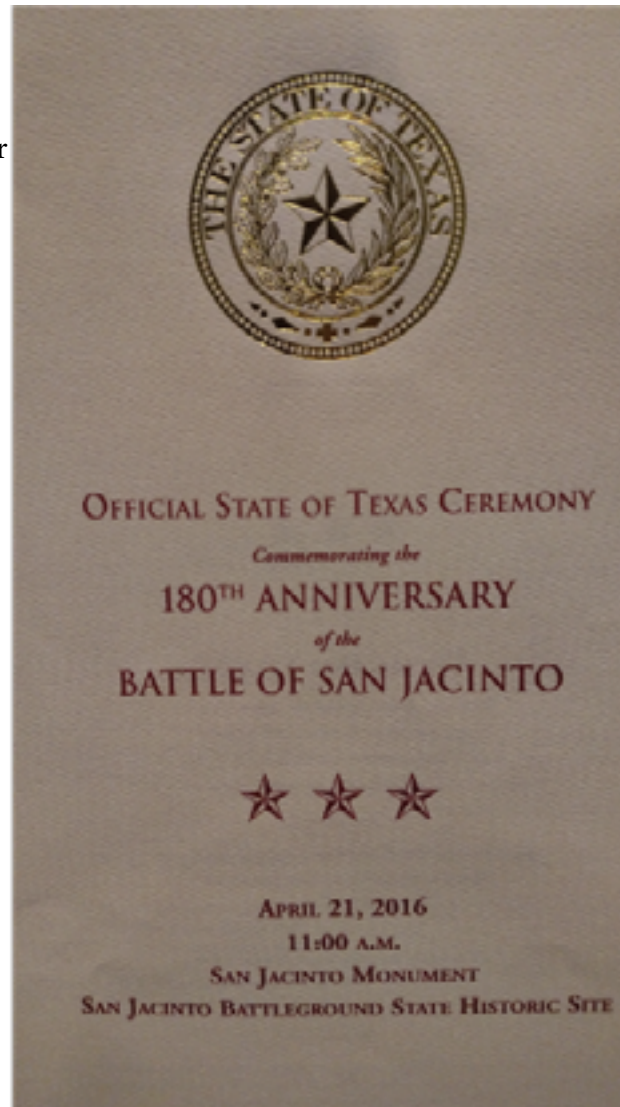
Outstanding effort Admirals! A well deserved thank you to Admiral Beth Fisher for organizing the TNA's effort to assist our Sons of the Republic of Texas brethren in honoring those brave men of San Jacinto on the 180th anniversary of the epic battle.

*Jerry Patterson, President,
Texas Navy Association*

The Texas Navy was well represented today at the 180th celebration of the Texas victory at San Jacinto. This was, we were told, the first time the ceremony was moved inside the monument. As we entered, the fabulous Dear Park High School Orchestra was filling the hall with wonderful sounds. The SRT and the DRT gave thousands and thousands of dollars in scholarships to high school seniors. The keynote speaker was Ms. Nina Hendee and she was electrifying. A luncheon was held after the ceremony where new friends were made and old friends were reacquainted. It is a wonderful feeling to see all of these organizations coming together to celebrate the Great State Of Texas. A very special thanks to the SRT for such a wonderful job. The

Texas Navy was honored to support you today just as the Texas Navy was honored to support the Texas Army 180 years ago. God Bless Texas.

Adm. Richard B. Hatch, Vice President, The Texas Navy Association



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 John Creel at lgrumps1@verizon.net

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 Wayne Courreges wcourreges@icloud.com ; 512-422-1300

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

Samuel May Williams Squadron

If you live in the San Antonio area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Joe Martin at texnavy-sa@gmail.com

New Squadrons Forming

A new Squadron is in the beginning stages of forming. If you live in **Corpus Christi** and have an interest in joining please contact Admiral Peter Davidson at peterd@cctexas.com

Dear Admirals;

Recently, The Texas Navy Association President and Vice President/Membership authorized the formation of a Squadron in Galveston, Texas. Many of you are Admirals appointed by the Governor of Texas.



It is a great honor to have been appointed.

The Texas Navy was a key factor in the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. The Texas Navy by sheer guts and determination was able to keep the Mexican Navy from re-supplying Santa Anna, thus depriving his army of critical military weapon, cannon powder, foods, intelligence and additional men. Several of these Texas Navy ships were based out of Galveston, therefore, the formation of a Squadron makes historical sense.

President Adm Jerry Patterson & Vice President Adm Richard Hatch have authorized me to act as "Admiral in Charge" for the formation of the Squadron. We encourage you to come join us to build this very important new Squadron based in Galveston, Texas.

On May 21st, we will convene an organizational meeting for the purpose of establishing the Galveston Squadron. The meeting will be held at the Rosenberg Library at 2310 Sealy Street in The Wortham Room from 2-4 PM. For directions go to their website www.rosenberg-library.org.

We encourage you to attend and to be a part of this historic endeavor. We look forward to building a very robust organization. Please RSVP by May 18th by return email or 630-229-3681.

Warmest Regards,

Admiral Chester F. Barnes, II - Galveston Squadron
Galvestonsquadron.tna@gmail.com



Texas Navy Association Open Quarterly Meeting

Rosenberg Library - Fox Room
2310 Sealy Street, Galveston, TX 77550

1pm 'til 4pm

Tentative Agenda for 14 May 2016 TNA Quarterly Meeting

- 1-Call to order/Establish Quorum/Welcome- Patterson
- 2-Approval of 13February2016 Quarterly TNA BOD and 3April2016 Called TNA BOD meeting minutes – Tyson
- 3-Treasurers Report – Fatheree*
- 4-USS Lexington/TNA Movie Project Update (agreement/spending authority)
- 5-Education Committee Report- Turner
- 6-History Committee Report-Borgens
- 7-Invincible Committee Report- W. Fisher*
- 8-Marketing/Ships Store Report- Hatch
- 9-Membership Committee/New Squadrons Report-Hatch
- 10-Commemorative Services Committee Report-Thompson*
- 11-Technology/IT Report- Tyson
- 12-D&O and other Insurance Report-Hatch
- 13-Texian Navy Day Report-Turner
- 14-San Jacinto Day Report-B Fisher
- 15-Funeral Notice Policy Discussion/Adoption-Patterson et al
- 16-Annual Social Event Discussion-Patterson et al
- 17-Old Business
- 18-New Business
- 19- Comments From the Floor
- 20-“The Sun is Over the Yardarm”-Adjourn

*denotes Admirals who have a conflict and will likely not be in attendance



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Admiral Curt Osborne

Admiral Kris Ann Voglepol

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