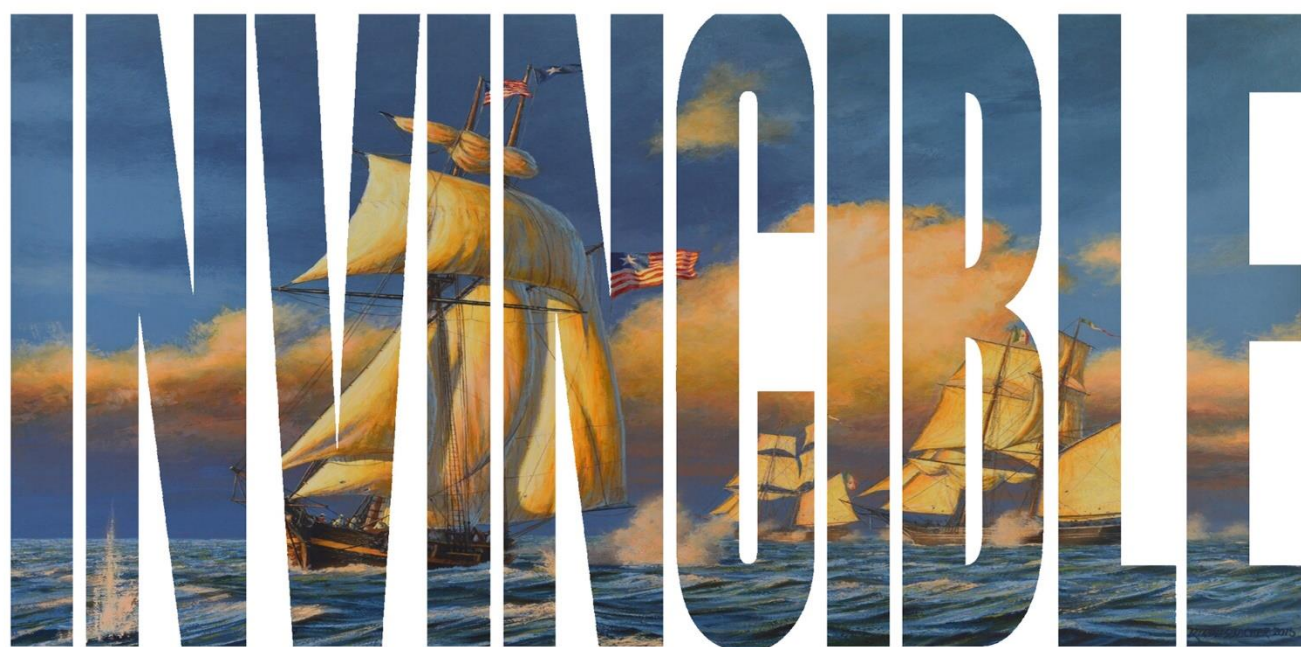




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San Antonio, Texas



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Houston, Texas



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Austin Texas



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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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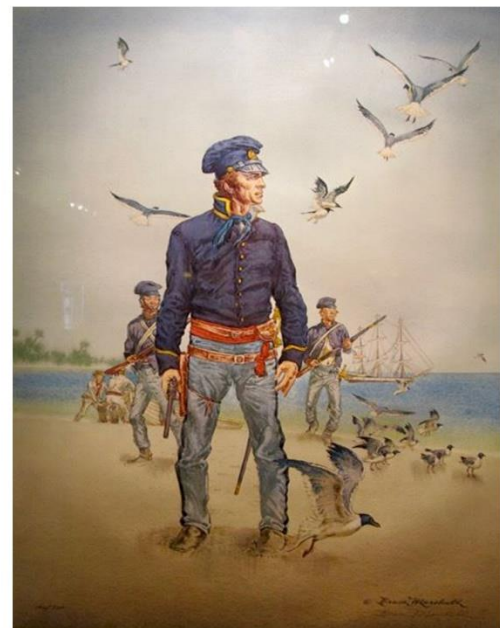


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★ Word from Our President ★

Admiral James S. Tyson
President
Texas Navy Association



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Texas Navy,

I hope this newsletter find you all well, and taking on the year with spirit and vigor!

As you will see in the article below, we rounded out the third quarter with what was undoubtedly the biggest event of the last four or five years for the Texas Navy – honoring Samuel May Williams. That only leaves us with one remaining event this year. Because of another fabulous event on the same day – the Texas Memorial Illumination honoring every Texan ever killed in battle, we have opted to scale back our end of year meeting so that every one interested in attending both can do so. We highly encourage it!

Our meeting then, will consist of The quarterly meeting, followed by an annual meeting where we can openly discuss the future path of our organization. After the meetings, you can head to San Jacinto or stick around for a happy hour and dinner at Houston Yacht Club (HYC) where the meeting is being held. Rooms are also available on a limited basis there. HYC has offered to allow everyone who wishes to dine drink or stay there get temporary cards to charge your expenses to for that night. We encourage you to let us know if this is in your plans, so that we can give HYC an idea of the crowd size to expect for a Saturday night.

See you there! Warmest Regards!!

Jim Tyson





★ Texas Navy Association News: ★

Quarterly and Annual Meeting on November 13, 2021 at 13:00

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Texas Navy,

I wanted to keep you informed as to the plans for our annual meeting which was to have included a dinner and dance.

It came to our attention very recently that other Texas historical groups had created an event at the San Jacinto Monument on November 13 called the Texas Memorial Illumination, to honor the more than 25,000 Texans who had given their lives in armed conflict. Because it is an evening illumination event, it would not be possible for people to attend both this event, and our dinner dance. We wanted to ensure everyone had the opportunity to attend the event, and indeed encourage them to do so. To that end, we have decided to scale back our event to include our Quarterly meeting, followed by a brief annual meeting announcing the election of Directors, and holding the election from the 2022 Board of the new Officers for the Board of Directors.

We expect these to end between 4:00 and 5:00 giving everyone that chooses to do so time to get to the Illumination event. Houston Yacht Club (HYC) will still be the venue for our meetings, and has graciously offered anyone who wishes to do so to get a temporary card upon arrival for any charges. We will be having a happy hour afterwards for those not attending the Illumination, as well as Dinner in the club, off the menu. Both the happy hour and the dinner will be charged to your temporary card. We are working to obtain a larger room where the members could eat and socialize. You could also use your temporary card to pay for one of the limited number of rooms upstairs at the club. These are available on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Richard Hatch or the Houston Yacht Club directly to get these rooms.

We ask that you reach out to me to let me know your plans, so that we can give HYC a ballpark as to the number of people attending the meeting, as well as how many will be sticking around for drinks and dinner so that they can plan accordingly.

As far as a Dinner/Dance, we can still look forward to the Texas Navy 50th Anniversary Gala next year, currently in the planning stages under Past President Rick Dempsey.

I hope to see you all at the Quarterly and Annual Meeting on November 13, 2021 at 13:00, at the beautiful Houston Yacht Club.

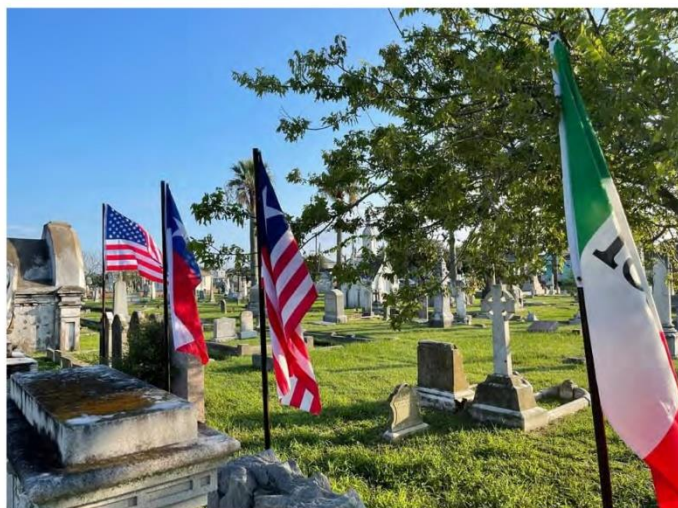
Warmest Regards

Adm James Tyson



★ Texas Navy Association News: ★

Samuel May Williams Ceremony “ Father of The Texas Navy ” Galveston, TX Sept. 18th



On behalf of the Texas Navy Association, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who came out today for the celebration of Samuel May Williams at Galveston. We had a great turnout at both the cemetery marker dedication in the morning, and in the afternoon luncheon at the Artillery Club.



Our guests today included State Senator Larry Taylor, Galveston County Judge Mark Henry, Galveston Mayor Craig Brown, a representative of State Representative Mayes Middleton's office, and The Reverend Jimmy Abbott of Trinity Episcopal Church in Galveston. Texas Navy Association officers present included current President Adm. James Tyson, Past Presidents Adm. Jerry Patterson and Adm. Richard Dempsey, along with several other TNA Board Members and Squadron Commanders.

The host for both parts of the event was Adm. Catherine Howell, who recently took on the role of Chairman of the TNA's medallion committee, that organizes and coordinates events like this one that honor both members of the historic Texas Navy, and members of the modern Texas Navy Association.

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★ Texas Navy Association News: ★



The principal speaker at both events was Adm. Gordon Blocker, who has made a life's study of Samuel MayWilliams, from the time he researched and produced a documentary on Williams that was shown at the historic home built by Williams in Galveston, that remains one of the oldest buildings on the island. Blocker authored a biography of Williams with Marshall Riggan, "Forsaken Patriot: The Strange Life andTimes of Samuel May Williams." Adm. Blocker noted that he feels such a familiarity and even kinship with Williams that "if he sat down at the table next to me, I think I could have a meaningful conversation with him." As a special gift, Adm. Blocker presented each person attending the luncheon with a signed copy of his book.

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*The Army JROTC Color Guard
from Ball High School in Galveston.*



*Rev. Abbott of the Trinity
Episcopal Church of Galveston
gives the invocation*



*Adm. Katherine Howell,
Chairman of the TNA Medallion-
Committee, hosted both events*



★ Texas Navy Association News: ★



Adm. Jerry Patterson, Past President of the TNA, reads a proclamation from Governor Abbott.

A special thank-you goes out to all the folks who worked hard to make this Texian Navy Day event a success. It was a memorable day, and brought some long-overdue recognition to

**Samuel May Williams,
who can fairly be said to be the
“Father of the Texas Navy”**



The new medallion in place at the gravesite of Samuel May Williams.



Mayor Craig Brown of Galveston.



**TNA Pres. Adm. James Tyson,
unveils the new medallion**



**Admiral Gordon Blocker delivers
address on the History of Samuel
May Williams as “The Father of the
Texas Navy.”**

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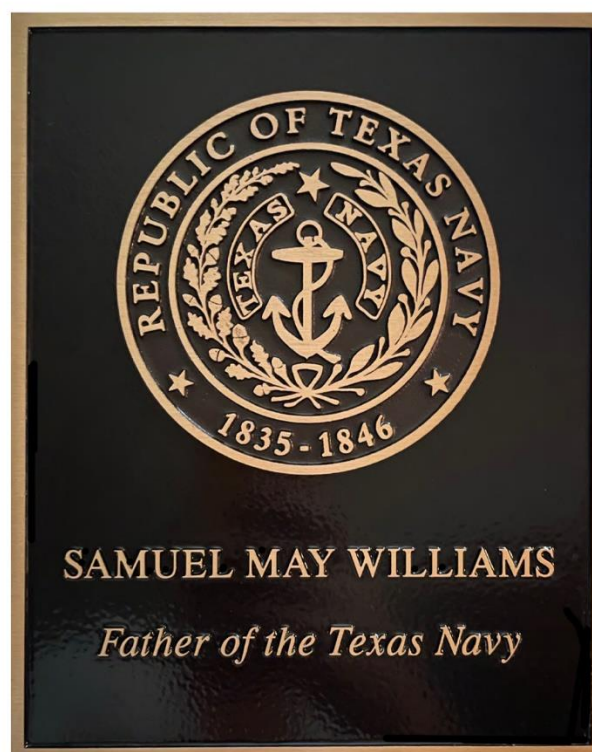
★ Texas Navy Association News: ★



Adm Blocker presents a dialog about Williams to one of our Press participants. At latest count the video segment that was widely distributed has received almost 7, 200 views,



City of Galveston Proclamation.



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City of Galveston Proclamation

In Recognition of Samuel May Williams

Father of the Texas Navy

WHEREAS, Samuel May Williams (1795-1858) played a vital role in establishing and building Stephen F. Austin's Colony in Texas, overseeing much of the colony's business and management during Austin's many extended absences; and

WHEREAS, despite trying to avoid the colony's involvement in political affairs, Williams eventually began working to oppose the policies of the Centralist government under President Antonio López de Santa Anna; and

WHEREAS, Williams and his business partner, Thomas F. McKinney, used their business contacts and credit to raise funds to support the Texas colonists' cause in what would become the Texas Revolution; and

WHEREAS, Williams advanced the funds to purchase, outfit, and man the first ships of the ships of the Texas Navy in 1835-36; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Navy went on successfully to defend Galveston and the Republic of Texas over the following decade; and

WHEREAS, the third Saturday of September is recognized and celebrated throughout the State of Texas annually as Texian Navy Day.

THEREFORE, we the Mayor and City Council for the City of Galveston extend congratulations and recognizes the significance of this occasion, and the role that Samuel May Williams played in this time of crisis in the early history of our City and State.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Galveston this 18th day of September 2021.



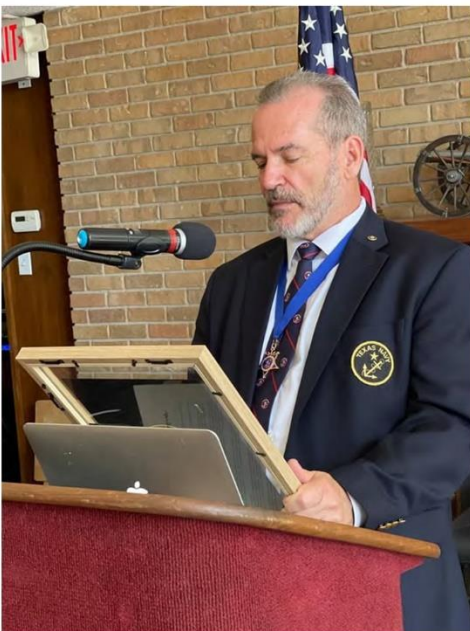
Craig K. Brown
Dr. Craig Brown, Mayor

Janelle Williams
Janelle Williams, City Secretary



★ Texas Navy Association News: ★

Samuel May Williams Ceremony Luncheon at the Galveston Artillery Club. Galveston, TX Sept. 18th



Adm. Tyson, Pres. of the Texas Navy Association, reads the City of Galveston Proclamation.



Adm. Doug McLeod, member of the Galveston Artillery Club, provided a brief history of that organization.



Adm. Gordon Blocker discusses Samuel May Williams' legacy with the 1st bank of the Republic of Texas.



★ Texas Navy Association News: ★

Samuel May Williams Ceremony BLOCKER COLLECTION





★ Texas Navy Association News: ★

Samuel May Williams Ceremony BLOCKER COLLECTION



The "Registro", a record of all of the land grants of the Austin Colony's "Old 300". This document was penned by Samuel May Williams



News From Our Squadrons:



Sam Houston Squadron Lakewood Yacht Club September 11, 2021



**Sam Houston Squadron Commander Pam Arnold
& Texas Ranger James Wilkins**

The Sam Houston Squadron of the Texas Navy met at Lakewood Yacht Club on September 11 where they commemorated 9/11 and presented three new commissions to Admirals Carl Dreschel, Judith Shaw, and Rosebud Caredec.

Texas Ranger James Wilkins presented a program on the history of the Texas Rangers which were founded after Stephen F. Austin began establishing settlements in Tejas. These settlements were often raided by Indians. Austin asked for "ten men...to act as rangers for the common defense."

In 1835 a group met to air the grievances against Santa Anna's government which resulted in the groundwork for a provisional government. Frontier defense was a a priority, so the Texas Rangers were fixed in the Organic Law of November 13, 1835.

There were a total 150 rangers. The Rangers participated in the Texas revolution in the battles of Velasco in 1832, Gonzales, the Alamo, and the battle of San Jacinto.

The Republic of Texas officially won independence on April 21, 1836, with the Rangers continuing to protect the new citizens. The Texas Highway Patrol was created in 1927 as a state police including the Highway Patrol and the Texas Rangers. Today there are 159 active Texas Rangers.





Book Recommendations:

Blackboards and Bomb Shelters, The Perilous Journey of Americans in China during World War II

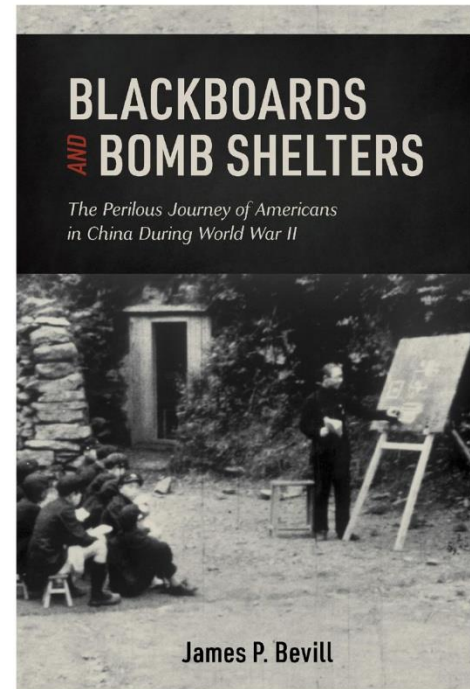
New Book by TNA Member Jim Bevill focuses on World War II in China.

James P. Bevill, a long-time TNA member, is an independent historian and an award-winning author. Many of us are familiar with his work on the Texas Navy Exhibit at the Texas Seaport Museum, and his previous book, *The Paper Republic, The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*. An unexpected discovery in 2010 inspired him to read, organize and catalogue the voluminous papers of his father-in-law, Paul Springer, who taught middle school in Nationalist China during the second Sino-Japanese war, 1937-1945.

Springer's teaching position at Yale-in-China in 1941 led to his entry into the State Department in Chungking in 1942. His first assignment was driving an ambulance to save British lives in their fight against the Japanese in their bloody quest to keep the overland supply route open – the Burma Road. He then began work as a code clerk in Chungking by transcribing, sending and receiving highly classified information to and from the American Embassy. This riveting story follows four young Americans and their service at Yale-in-China during World War II.

Springer was one of three Yale graduates who volunteered to teach students at a Yale-in-China sponsored middle school in Yuanling, China. Another, a Yale educated surgeon, provided shelter to refugees and repaired the bodies of mangled victims as the war swept through the city of Changsha. Their collective journeys and first-hand accounts open our eyes to a behind the scenes look at how they adapted to life changing events during China's most horrific military conflict.

Bevill's new book is *Blackboards and Bomb Shelters, The Perilous Journey of Americans in China during World War II*, Schiffer Military, 2021. It is the untold story of life on the ground in Free China during the Japanese occupation. It is available for pre-orders on Amazon.com and will be in bookstores everywhere in December.





★ Texas Navy History Brief: ★

THE LOUISIANA RECORDER “The Blacksmith of Brazos”

Most of our readers are apprized of the naval contest about a fortnight ago between the Mexican armed schooner *Correo*, under the command of Thompson; and the American schooner, *San Felipe*, under the command of Capt. Hurd. They may recollect that after the Mexicans perceived the approach of the *San Felipe*, they ceased their attack on the *Brig Tremont*; and that Hurd having during the evening landed most of his cargo, and some passengers, he stood out for sea, resolving to attack the *Correo* or her Mexican companion. Many gentlemen, about ten (?) in number; armed with rifles, volunteered to his assistance, and put themselves under his command.

During the night both the Mexicans attacked the *San Felipe*; but the Yankees were prepared. They reserved their resistance till the foe was within rifle shot; and then let fly a volley, guided in their aim chiefly by the sounds emanating from their enemy guns: for the darkness of the night prevented a view of the foe. Still the *San Felipe* remained victor; and the Mexicans hastened a retreat—glad of their escape, as many with Capt. Thompson were wounded. At the break of day, the *Correo* was descried at some two or three leagues distance; and Hurd resolved to give (more?) chase. For this purpose, he engaged the steamboat to take him in tow, that the might sooner approach the foe. In vain did Thompson endeavor to preserve his distance; his own men were rather obstinate; and the advantages of the Yankees who had “raised their steam” could not be counterbalanced nor repelled. Thompson was obliged to surrender.

Among the Texanians who had volunteered under Hunt on the preceding evening, was a blacksmith (or rather a gunsmith) of Brazos, a Mr. S.D. Sharp. He had been encircled by a large belt or zone; more like Venus than her vulcan; except that it contained about 8 or 10 carbines pendant. Sharp had looked on very composedly during the encounter; a spectator but not an actor. But when the prize crew was ordered to board the *Correo*, up started Sharp, ‘in ‘shape and gesture proudly eminent; and put himself at the head of the boarders. He was actually first to board the *Correo*; and fancy him there another Jack Cade, with merely the covering of an Indian across loins; an in bulk, nerves and sinews.....



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THE LOUISIANA RECORDER

"The Blacksmith of Brazos"

like a Jack A_s. Rough and rugged like a Ground H_g, he advanced the captain. 'Do no fear Capt. Thompson, I shall not harm you: I shall see that you are treated honorably,' said he, while he spewed out his spittle, and twisted the quid in his mouth. 'Now men, (said he to the prize crew approaching) this is your man: take care that you keep him safe; or your lives will answer!' Sharp consequently thought himself a captain.

Soon afterwards when the officers and crew of the *Correo* were brought on board of the *San Felipe*, a desultory conversation occurred in the cabin. Sharp was in a distant part of the vessel; and seated on a trunk or pile of luggage. Reluctant to return with his carbines loaded to Brazoria, whither the steam boat was now towing both schooners; and desirous to make a display of what he could if he would have done; he took out his pistols; and began to fire them seriatim—taking good care however to have his face in a different direction from his fire; and his head far aloof. He was reprimanded for this useless effect, and unnecessary noise. But he had now been promoted in his own opinion. 'Who says anything against Colonel SHARP?' Said he to the person who remonstrated. But a Brazorian volunteer advanced during the dispute. Do you mean to call yourself colonel? 'Aye, by G_d, and as good as any of you. Wasn't I the first to board that there captain?' asked Sharp in triumph, while he grasped a pistol, his streamers waving in the wind'; and acting as fans to his military enthusiasm, with its ragged honors or horrors thick upon him.

But the self doubted colonel altered his tone, when he saw the altered look of one determined to chastise further insolence. Yet his depression was but for a moment: for when he landed at Brazos, he wished to believe that he was the captor of Thompson. He was now General Sharp; and inflicted severe punishment on a punny young wag who was impudent enough to tamper with his glory. But during the act of beating the lad with irons on the



won the head, he perceived a gentleman approaching in the street, whose character he had previously calumniated: and one whom he had afterwards learned was determined to take sure vengeance. General Sharp ceased beating the boy; and beat his own retreat. But the slandered gentleman was eagle-eyed. He saw the skunk trying to abscond; and immediately dispatched a laden ambassador to arrest his flight. The ball shattered the arm of the Blacksmith General; and this species of antiphlogistic treatment abated the fever of military greatness and honors.



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)

Subscription period: 1 year

No automatically recurring payments

Admiral Dan Beto



Dan Richard Beto has spent more than four decades working in the criminal justice system. He has been employed as a juvenile probation officer in Harris County, Texas, a Federal Probation Officer for the Southern District of Texas, and as director of two community supervision and corrections (adult probation) departments, first in Brazos County, Texas, and later in Walker County, Texas. He is the founding Executive Director of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas at Sam Houston State University, a position he held from 1994 to 2005, when he retired.

Mr Beto, who possesses a bachelor's degree in sociology and a Master of Arts degree in criminology, both from Sam Houston State University, is widely published in journals peculiar to the criminal justice arena.



★ New Members ★

Admiral Richard Coffman



I'm 37 years old, Navy Submariner vet. I volunteer at the Battleship Texas, Houston Rodeo, amongst others. I'm a dreaded safety guy.

Admiral James Hewlett



I was raised in Springfield, MO. and after High School went into the US Army Reserves for 8 years (6months activeBasic Training followed by Advance Combat Engineers at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and then Military Drafting School at Ft. Belvoir, VA.). I obtained the rank of Staff Sargent (E-6) at my discharge after 8 years total. I graduated from Drury University in 1963 with a BA in History in Springfield. I met my wife there and we have been married for 60 years with one son (who died 8 yrs ago) and twin daughters. One daughter lives in Denver, CO with her 4 children and her sister lives in St. Louis with 4 children.

After graduation I went to the University of Kansas obtaining an Architectural degree in 1967 and we moved to Dallas where we lived for 44 years, until retirement 8 years ago. We are strong Christians and I was a ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of America (PCA) for about 40 years and now an emeritus elder. I became licensed with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards(NCARB) and subsequently became licensed to practice architecture in 19 states and have designed buildings in all of these states. I am a member of the American Institute of Architects and am emeritus now. I owned the 4th largest architectural firm in North Texas in the 1980's and never a legal claim against me in all of those years. We designed some major office buildings, hotels, churches, banks, resorts, apartments/condominiums, etc. throughout the US but mostly in Texas. Some of these are shown on my web page. I did have one major client in 2008 that we were designing a 34 story hotel/condo in Boise, ID and he filed bankruptcy owing me substantial sums forcing me out of business and causing me to file bankruptcy also.

I am currently designing and assisting to build a Prison Chapel in Humble, TX and one in Calico Rock, AR.

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★ **New Members** ★

Admiral Janice Jenkins



7th Generation Texan, member of DRT, UDC, DAR, Colonial Dames, NSDOF and various other organizations.

Admiral Cynthia Mae Martin



I am 39 years old and a Houston Native. My father is John Martin. I love Texas!

Admiral Sean McFarland



I graduated from Comanche High School in Comanche, Texas. After graduation, I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Infantry where I served 3 tours all to Iraq. When I left the Marines I worked in corrections for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Comanche County Texas Sheriff's Office, and Brown County Texas Sheriff's Office. I left corrections to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Tarleton State University in Economics. I then went on to earn a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of North Texas. During my studies, I spent time as a Volunteer Firefighter for the Comanche Fire Department in Comanche, TX. I spent several years enlisted in the Texas State Guard where I served during the response to Hurricane Harvey in 2017. I now have a career with the Social Security Administration. I am currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas Veterans Hall of Fame and serve as the secretary. I am happily married to my wife of 11 years and am blessed with both a beautiful son and daughter.

Admiral Dr. Victor Viser



I was born in Houston and grew up in that city, as well as in Galveston, Austin, and Conroe. A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin (BS, Communication, 1983, Texas-Ex Life Membership) and Our Lady of the Lake University (MA, Communication, 1991), I have worked in all aspects of Communication, including television and film directing/production, radio broadcasting, and architectural photography. I received my Doctorate from Temple University, and was a faculty member at Penn State University, and presently at Texas A&M University. My published research includes work on communication theory, advertising and film history, and communication science (neural networks). My wife and I live in Galveston

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★ New Members ★

in the 1870 Nicholas Clayton home that we are restoring in the Silk Stocking National Historic District, and we will celebrate our 32nd anniversary this year. We have three children -- a daughter who is the Communication Director for the City of Conroe, Texas, a son who is a tax attorney in San Antonio, and a daughter who is comedy writer in Madison, Wisconsin. I am a direct descendant of André Joseph Vasseur (a lieutenant in Lafayette's army during the American Revolution), and William Wallace Viser (a major in the Texas Sixth Cavalry Battalion, and a Texan of significance as indicated by the Texas State Historical Association). My community service is extensive, with most recently having been a Board Member on the Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees.

Admiral Carolyn Cox Williams



I am a 7th generation Daughter of the Republic of Texas, Martin Wells Chapter, Round Rock, TX chapter. Charter member of the Daughters of American Revolution, San Gabriel chapter, Cedar Park, TX chapter, Member of the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Albert Sidney Johnston 105 Chapter, Austin, TX, Charter member of the Ark & Dove Chapter, Texas Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Austin, TX, Charter member of the National Society Descendants of American Farmers.

Commander Charles Billingsley



I attended San Jacinto Collage, graduated with MA from Florida Bible College and Seminary, and graduate of the Preston Road School of Preaching. I have served as a minister of the Church of Christ for 54 years - mostly in Oklahoma and Texas. I am now semi-retired and working with the Shepherd Church of Christ, in Shepherd, Texas. My hobbies are scuba diving, motorcycle riding, bee keeping, gardening, and keeping chickens. I am a member of The Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution, The Sons of the Republic of Texas, The Sons of Confederate Veterans, Montgomery County Bee Association, and San Jacinto County Republican Party Club.



★ New Members ★

Commander Roy De Gesero



Family was heavily involved with maritime activities with the US Navy and as civilian contractors. I volunteer st the SSV ELISSA. My career included decades of water protection and treatment. The history of this immediate area Texas and especially that of Samuel May Williams are exceptionally interesting.

Commander John Deely



I was born in SanAntonio in the 50's and have lived most of my life in Washington state. My father was very interested in Texas History and had many discussions on the topic. As such I have a great interest in Texas history. My family settled in Texas in the early 1870's

Commander Michael Erlund



Born in Kerrville, TX and graduated from C.W. Nimitz, High School in Irving, Tx. Received a bachelors degree from Texas A&M University and a commission in the Texas State Guard in 1992. Honorably discharged from the TXSG and enlisted in the Louisiana National Guard. Served for seventeen years as enlisted (88M Driver -six years) and officer (56A Chaplain -eleven years) in the Louisiana National Guard; with multiple deployments for natural disasters in both Texas and Louisiana. Received an honorable discharge from the National Guard in December of 2020. In addition to a bachelors degree, was awarded a Maters of Divinity (Mdiv) from Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU -Waxahachie TX) in 2012 and a doctorate from Louisiana Baptist University (LBU - Shreveport LA) in 2014. Civilian Service include bridge design for the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), interstate drainage designfor private consulting group in Houston, TX, and City Traffic Engineer for the City of Shreveport, LA. Registered Professional Engineer (P.E.), Professional Transportation Operations Engineer (PTOE), Ordained Minister (REV), and Board Certified Pastoral Counselor (BCPC). Currently living on a small farm in North Bossier Parish, LA with wife Melissa and daughter Elizabeth.



★ New Members ★

Commander Jerry Mahana



Born and raised Texan. U. S. Army Veteran Assistant Principal at an Elementary School

Commander William McWilliams



I served in submarine duty in the USN for four years. I have five years in the USNR (active and inactive status). My career after the Navy has been in the Petroleum and Petrochemical Industry. I am a consultant in the same field. I was a volunteer firefighter and EMT and served in emergency response for a chemical plant. I have been married for 32 years. We have four children and five grandchildren. I am active in Freemasonry.

Commander Kevin Nunez



Retired U.S. Navy Commander - Surface Warfare Officer. 25 years
Native Houstonian - UH graduate; Florida MBA Mortgage Banker

Commander Stephen Thurling



Joined the Australian Defence force in 1984 and served my country as a reservist both in Army and Navy, spent 15 years as a university lecturer and spent more than 15 plus years working in Law enforcement both at a federal and state level

Lieutenant Benjamin Herring



My name is Ben Herring and I am a 22 year old with a deep love for the oceans and oceangoing vessels. I enjoy boating with friends and working hard to better myself in all aspects of my life.



★ New Members ★

Lieutenant Peyton Humphries



Born to young parents in 1999. First swam without a life jacket successfully when I was 4, life was pretty content, but born with a timid personality. In 2008 I saw the last Indiana Jones movie. That adventuring archeologist showed me that history is cool. I started studying up on my own home's history, Texas. Sadly what I found on the Texas Navy seems just to be a small footnote of the history of this place. In 2015 I had an epiphany to become a locomotive engineer, in 2019 one week after graduating high school, me a shy but bold boy moved to Galveston island to attend college and try to make something out of my life. After 2 years of studying, working, and struggling, I had to move out of paradise. Now I'm living with my mother, with my penny paying job of being a Walmart cart pusher. Metaphorically speaking, I've got little on the horizon. Despite these setbacks, I still have my passion of history, and my sprit. Something that only I can decide if it's defeated. I'm not so sure if the sea calls to me as strongly as the railroad but I want to absolutely help your association to perpetuate and tell the truths and tales of Texas's unsung sea cowboy hero.

Associate Albert Kinnard

Former Trustee of Houston Yacht Club. Master and Rescue Diver, Former Harbor Committee Chairman, Houston Yacht Club, Life time member of Galveston Historical Society, 2 time Board of Director of Steel Founders Society of America, hold a pilots license with several ratings, Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America.

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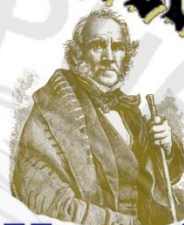
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Other Historical Organizations



The Sons of the Republic of Texas



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Calendar



Nov 13 - Quarterly and Annual Meeting at 13:00, at the Houston Yacht Club.

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