



# Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



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## Texian Navy Day Again Scheduled at Old Velasco

Plans for the second annual observance of Texian Navy Day to be held on the site of Old Velasco at the Freeport Lifeboat Station Saturday were announced here Thursday by Mrs. Jessie M. Smith of Austin, past chairman of the Texian Navy Day Committee.

Mrs. John S. Caldwell of Freeport is state chairman for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, which is co-sponsoring the event with the Brazoria County Cradle of Texas chapter.

Texian Navy Day actually falls on Friday but the observance was set for Saturday at Freeport. Texian Navy Week is the period from Sept. 1 to 7.

Attending the observance from Austin representing the local chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas are Mrs. A. S. Trube, her son, A. S. Trube Jr. and family, 2301 Windsor Road, and Mrs. Byrd Bowman Davis and Mrs. Jessie McIroy Smith.

Principal speaker will be Joseph Wearden, Victoria, president of the Sons of the Republic of Texas. Mrs. Barclay Megarity of Waco, state DRT president who will preside, will introduce guests and explain the purpose of Navy Week. (Sept. 1-7) and Navy Day (Sept. 3) as proclaimed by Governor Allan Shivers.

Miss Winnie Allen, archives chairman—Cradle of Texas—of the Daughters of the Republic of

The USS Lapwing, minesweeper of United States Navy Fleet, and the US Coast Guard Cutter Dione will hold "open house" as features of the day-long celebration. The Dione will be at the Coast Guard cove, and the Lapwing, sent here by Admiral Jerauld Wright, will be at Dock A of the new Brazos harbor.

Texian Navy Day, in observance of the vital part played by the heroic small navy service in the Texas Revolution, was originated last year by Brazoria County's

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Others on the program include the Rev. R. L. Fackler, president of Brazosport Ministerial Alliance, who will give the invocation; Mrs. John S. Caldwell, general chairman—welcome address; Miss Gladys Hardeman, Nacogdoches—the response; Miss Edna Hinde, Dallas, past president DRT—presentation of Texian Navy Day to Mrs. Hegarity, president; and Garland Roark, Nacogdoches, who will review some of the history of the Texas Navy.

Other DRT visitors expected include Mrs. A. S. Trube, state registrar; Mrs. Jessie M. Smith, chairman of children's program; and