



TNA Admiral Wins the Battle

Admiral Robert Vandevender, II has graciously agreed to share a bit about how he obtained two of The Republic of Texas notes including a bit of their history. He is a Board of Governors, Society of Paper Money Collectors (SPMC), Jupiter, Florida. We thank him for sharing his expertise and his latest finds with us.

January 10, 2015

"As a hobby, much time in my life has been spent pursuing the avocation of numismatics, more commonly known as coin collecting. Two decades ago my interests migrated from coins into the study of and collecting of paper money. However, up until this time, my interests focused mainly on the typical US currency dating from 1928 until the present. This week, I ventured off into a new area of collecting by purchasing two obsolete currency notes from the Republic of Texas.

In Orlando this week, Heritage Auctions of Dallas, TX conducted several major auctions of currency in connection with the annual Florida United Numismatic Convention held at the Orlando Convention Center. My recent appointment as an Admiral in the Texas Navy and subsequent

membership with the Texas Navy Association resulted in piquing my interest in the Texas Obsolete section as I was leafing through one of Heritage catalogs. They were offering several different currency notes from the Republic of Texas for auction.

The Republic of Texas issued currency notes in the denominations of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$500 during the years of 1839 and 1840. The notes were commonly referred to as "red backs" although over the years the color of the backs has turned into more of a burnt orange color. Most of the Republic of Texas currency was redeemed and cut-cancelled during redemption following the

Compromise of 1850. Each note denomination has a unique design but I noticed that on the \$10 and \$50 notes a vignette of a ship was included. Due to my association with the Texas Navy, I decided to place a bid on the notes showing our ships. To say, it was quite similar to a naval battle. With one bidder doing an end run with a cut-bid, I was able to beat out the five other bidders with a financial broadside shot and claim victory. The cost of each individual note was approximately \$1000

including a buyer's fee to Heritage Auctions.

The two Republic of Texas notes I purchased have been



authenticated, graded, and encapsulated by the Professional Currency Grading Service (PCGS), a recognized industry leader in that process. These two notes were assigned the grade of Almost Uncirculated (About New) with the number of 55 on a 70 point



scale with a Premium Paper Quality (PPQ) designation. This grade makes them two of the nicer condition notes in known existence. Both notes have the original signature of Mirabeau B. Lamar, President of the Republic of Texas although the signatures are significantly different on the two notes and I suspect that one or both may have been signed by an 1839 equivalent of an Executive Secretary. President Lamar served as President in between the two terms of Sam Houston. Stephen F. Austin is pictured on the \$50 note.

After purchasing the two notes, I wanted to see if I could identify the ships shown in the vignettes. I found one online reference indicating the ship on the \$10 note is the Brig Archer but have yet to confirm it. After consulting with Admiral James Bevill on

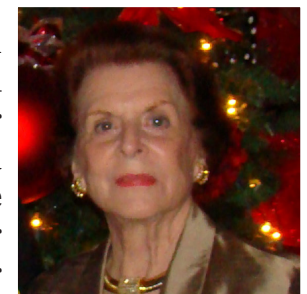
the subject the research continues. As Jim mentioned, the image could be simply a generic ship from that time. But with close inspection, the ship on the \$10 is clearly flying the Republic of Texas flag and could very well be the Archer."



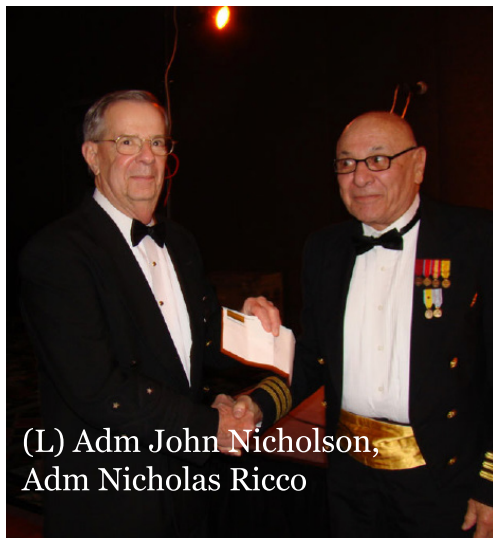
Robert L. Vandevender II
Admiral in the Texas Navy

Board of Directors & Commanders Challenged

The challenge went as follows: Admiral Ricco, TNA Board Member, offered to match up to \$500.00 per director and squadron commanders to create a "unrestricted" TNA fund and asked the Association to create a named ledger account called the "Anna G. Ricco Fund" (for advancement of the mission of Texas Navy



Anna Ricco



(L) Adm John Nicholson,
Adm Nicholas Ricco

Association).

We had a great response and Texas Navy Association now holds \$7600.00 for its purposes. No strings attached.

Admiral Ricco said, "I love my wife so dearly and wish perhaps that our legacies live through a number of such endowments or gifts I have created in her name. She is a grand and noble woman with whom success and affection

have ensued for us." Admiral Ricco presented his check to the Vice President of the Texas Navy Association, Admiral John Nicholson, at the Texas Navy Ball. Many thanks to Adm Ricco and our Board members and Commanders who generously accepted the challenge.

Houston Yacht Club Education Committee Hosts

WHOEVER HEARD OF THE TEXAS NAVY?

Shoreacres, TX – *The Education Committee* of the Houston Yacht Club (HYC) is hosting a seminar entitled WHOEVER HEARD OF THE TEXAS NAVY?. Admiral in the Texas Navy, Will Fisher, Board Member Emeritus of the Texas Navy Association and direct descendant of S. Rhoads Fisher, Secretary of the Texas Navy will present a movie and program on the History of the Texas Navy. The seminar will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 in the Ballroom at the Houston Yacht Club from 10:00 am to approximately 11:30 with questions and discussion. Lunch will be available for purchase after the program.

About the Education Committee

A committee appointed to present an ongoing series of seminars entitled ALL THINGS MARINE ROUNDTABLE and will focus on topics that will increase the pleasure of boating.

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- introduce youth to the sport of sailing and boating,
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- provide a comfortable home on the bay for the members and families of this fine Club.

Contact

To learn more about the *Whoever Heard of the Texas Navy?* seminar, please contact:

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To learn more about the Houston Yacht Club, please visit:
www.houstonyachtclub.com

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Our Texas Navy Ball 2014 was a huge success! Thank you to the event Chair, Adm Marsha Taylor for all her coordination and many many hours of hard work to make this special event so successful. We had a record number in attendance who enjoyed the music and dancing to the 'Midlife Crisis and the Hot Flashes Band". It was a fun night of seeing old friends and meeting many new ones. Our special thanks to the Coast Guard for providing us the Color Guard who did a splendid job of posting the colors. Many members and guests enjoyed the numerous activities in Galveston prior to the event. Our thanks also to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for opening the Cradle House Saturday morning for our attendees. See slide show with more photos at <https://texasnavy.org/2014-Texas-Navy-Ball>



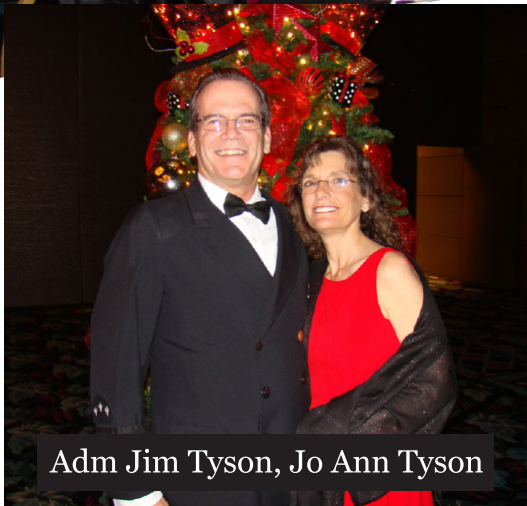
(L) Guest Speaker- Adm Amy Borgens,
Carol Nicholson, Adm John Nicholson



Dawn Hatch and Adm Dick Hatch



Adm Debbie Phillips, Todd Phillips



Adm Jim Tyson, Jo Ann Tyson



(L) Adm Jim Sterling, Adm Jerry
Patterson, Adm Stew Rayfield



Adm Judy Fisher



Sandy Sterling
Adm Jim Sterling



(L) Tom Toby Sqd: Squadron Vice Commander- Adm Ron Brown, Pamela Brown, Jodie Bevill, Adm James Bevill, Peggy Osborne, Squadron Commander- Adm Curt Osborne, Adm Mary Lou Soper, Adm Sam Rodgers, Adm Beth Fisher, Adm Wilmer Dallam Masterson, Coleen Masterson, Lt Glenn Morris, Paula Morris, Rose Marie Davidson, Adm Joe Davidson, Sara Connor, Adm Reg Connor



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Amanda Milby Lozano, Suzanne Milby, Andrew Brown,
Charlie Milby, Adm Mary Milby



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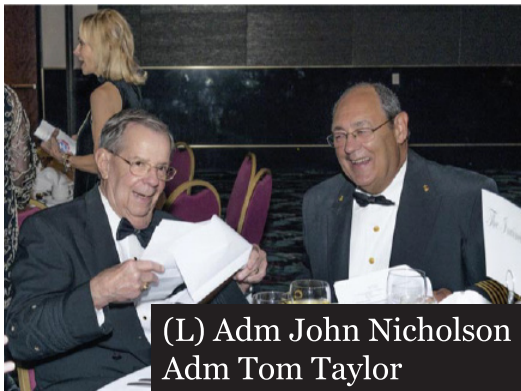
Adm John Wilson, Debbie Wilson



(L) Adm Rita Matthews, Adm Bob Wartens, Adm Fount McKee, Adm Sue Wartens, Linda McKee, Adm Ruby Garrett



Adm Jim Tyson, Event Chair - Adm Marsha Taylor



(L) Adm John Nicholson
Adm Tom Taylor

Many thanks to the Coast Guard Color Guard for posting and retiring the Colors for us. They were very professional and impressive!



(L) Marion DeHart, Adm Larry Kurz, Alice Marinos, Adm Lou Marinos, Adm Ruby Garrett, Ann Muffeny



Adm Jerry Patterson, Deloris Genitempo, Adm Donnie Genitempo, Joyce Frassanito, Susan Rouse



CG Color Guard: (L) Seaman Courtney Will, Blake O'Brian, Samantha Guthrie, Petty Officer Third Class Andrew Guthrie, Sara Morgan, Seaman James Morgan, Seaman Harry Ayala.



(L) Daryl Lyn Ebeling, Adm Rita Matthews, Deloris Genitempo

The Cradle tour hosted by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was attended and enjoyed by many attendees of our event. Many thanks to the DRT and Adm Carolyn Orlebeke for opening the historic site.



DRT Cradle Committee Volunteers:
(L) Joanna Wilson, Cradle Chair-Linda Cooper, Gwen Lejsal



Front Row - Marion DeHart, Rubye Garrett,
Middle Row - Mike DeHart, Suzi Meleton
Back - Adm Ray Meleton

Texas Seaport Museum "Texas Navy Exhibit Tour". The Exhibit is well under way and soon to be open to the public. Many of our members got a private tour of the exhibit after the Open Members Meeting. Be sure to visit the Exhibit located at: 2200 Harborside Dr, Galveston, TX 77550 · (409) 763-1877



2014 Texas Navy Ball Weekend

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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

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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 Don Genitempo**, at 832.771.3222 or dtemp@msn.com

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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 I 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

Admirals of the Texas Navy:

Be aware of an important event coming up. On Monday, January 26, 1:00 pm, at Morton Cemetery in Richmond, Texas, there will be a ceremony honoring President Mirabeau B. Lamar. The Mayor will be there along with several local dignitary's. There will be a salute fired by the Texas Army. It is the fifth year that the San Jacinto Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas has had this ceremony for President Lamar and I thought some of our Tom Toby members might be interested in attending.

Regards,
Curt Osborne, Commander
Tom Toby Squadron

Mark Your Calendar



ELISSA MARITIME SOCIETY

January 16, 2015

Ahoy! EMS Members and Texas Navy Association Members:

Galveston Historical Foundation in association with the Texas Navy Association is excited to announce the opening of our new Texas Navy Exhibit at Texas Seaport Museum. We invite you to preview this exciting addition to the Texas Seaport Museum on **Saturday, January 31, 4:00-5:30p.m.** You will have an exclusive opportunity to experience the exhibit before it's released to the public.



4:00 Beer & wine mixer
 4:30 Welcome, Jamie White
 4:45 Canon salute to Texas Navy
 5:00 Featured speaker, Andy Hall - "The Short, Sharp Life of the Schooner-of-War Brutus."



This fascinating exhibit "*Broadsides in the Gulf*", is a most welcomed addition to the Texas Seaport Museum, but even more - it is appropriate that the heroic history of those gallant sailors and Texans find purchase once again in the traditional homeport of that august fleet. We are grateful for the underwriting support from the Texas Navy Association in making this exhibit possible.

We look forward to seeing you. Please RSVP to Deanna Johnson at 409-765-3435 or deanna.johnson@galvestonhistory.org.

Sincerely,

W. Dwayne Jones
 Chief Executive Officer
 Galveston Historical Foundation

James L. White
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Past TNA President, Adm Pickavance, Gets Award

News from the Naval Historical Foundation



Lions' Den Aviators Honored



Rear Admirals Pickavance and Moneymaker receiving their awards on the flight deck of *Midway*.

On the evening of 27 August 1972, Lt. William W. Pickavance and Lt. (JG) Patrick D. Moneymaker, both aviators flying from USS *Midway* (CVA 41), answered a radio call from Seventh Fleet commander Vice Adm. James L. Holloway III, who was embarked in the cruiser *Newport News*. At the time *Newport News* was leading a four-ship

surface action group into waters off Haiphong to conduct shore bombardment of anti-aircraft batteries and other facilities in support of the ongoing air offensive known today as Linebacker.

During the operation, the American combatants came under attack by enemy P-6 class fast attack craft in the dark. Deep in enemy waters and also under fire from the shore, Holloway radioed to any available attack aircraft to provide illumination to spot the oncoming torpedo boats. In response, Pickavance and Moneymaker dropped flares from their A-7B Corsairs and then made low-altitude bombing attacks that, along with the ships' gunfire, sank the enemy torpedo boats.

With the opening of the "Into the Lions' Den" exhibit at the Navy Museum detailing the events of 27 August 1972, it dawned on the NHF's leadership that the two aviators who played such a key role did not receive any recognition at the time. Using

proper protocols, with the support of former Senator Jim Webb, award packages were submitted and the decision was made to present Air Medals to now retired Rear Admirals Pickavance and Moneymaker.

On 27 August 2014, Pickavance and Moneymaker returned to stand on the flight deck they flew from over four decades earlier to receive their medals from Vice Adm. David H. Buss, Commander Naval Air Forces, on behalf of Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. Joining them on the *Midway* in San Diego was retired Adm. Sylvester R. Foley, who served as the ship's commanding officer during the Lions' Den operation. Foley noted how proud he was to honor these men aboard his former ship, adding that he "would not have missed this opportunity for all the money in the world." From the opposite coast, Admiral Holloway provided his congratulatory comments by way of a recorded message.



Vice Admiral David H. Buss presents Rear Admiral William W. Pickavance with his award.



Rear Admiral Patrick D. Moneymaker speaking following the presentation of his award.

Admiral Debbie Phillips Heads Education Committee



Greetings! My name is Debbie Phillips and I am your new Education Committee chairman. I have worked in the public school system for 30 years and have served as a teacher, a principal, and currently oversee curriculum development for my school district. I am excited about the opportunities to support teachers and students in learning more about the important historical contributions of the Texas Navy.

The Education Committee has set three goals for this year:

1. Increase connections and communications with the Texas State Historical Association in an effort to increase awareness of the Texas Navy and our website.
2. Develop units of study and lesson plans that support teachers when teaching about the contributions of the Texas Navy.
3. Establish a Speakers' Bureau that can be accessed by 7th grade social studies teachers across the state.

In order to achieve our third goal, the Education Committee is seeking TNA members who are interested in sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the Texas Navy with 7th grade students and teachers. If you are interested and willing, please access this link and supply your contact information:

<http://goo.gl/forms/habczaF5Z5>

You can also call me at 832-656-3990 if you have any questions, or if you are interested in serving on the Education Committee. We are a very small group and would appreciate your support. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

What is the Texas Navy and What does it do ?

NOW HERE THIS, you are invited to attend and observe The Texas Navy Association Board Meeting which will discuss the formation of a Texas Navy Squadron in Corpus Christi.

February 14, 2015

1:00 PM

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Corpus Christi City Marina

444 N Shoreline

Corpus Christi, TX 78401

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Tom Toby Squadron

Finds Interesting Article About Their Name Sake

Submitted by: Tom Toby Squadron Cmdr, Adm Curt Osborne

TOBY AND BROTHER COMPANY. Toby and Brother Company, composed of Thomas and Samuel Toby, businessmen of New Orleans, was made the purchasing agent for the Republic of Texas on May 24, 1836. To obtain money for meeting outstanding obligations, purchasing supplies, and making advances to the government, previously, on March 19, 1836, the firm had been commissioned to sell 300,000 acres by the state. Toby and Brother were appointed general agent of Texas on June 10, 1836. The firm was also commissioned to sell 500,000 acres of Texas land at a minimum of fifty cents an acre. The firm formally accepted the appointment on June 30, 1836, and set up subagents in Louisiana, Baltimore, and New York to sell the land scrip. Land scrip was reduced to fifteen cents per acre in December 1836, but there was little market for the land or scrip in the winter of 1837. On March 15, 1837, the Texas treasury drew on Toby for 100,000 acres of scrip to be used by Felix Huston to purchase army supplies; Toby returned 106,640 acres in scrip. On December 14, 1837, the Congress prohibited the further sale of scrip and authorized the recall of the agency, all scrip to be returned within four months. At the close of its contract with Toby and Brother Company the state owed the firm \$76,620.26. During the period of its agency, the firm disposed of 940,761 acres for cash or credit in addition to furnishing transportation and supplies for the Texas army and serving in an advisory and diplomatic capacity. Although its efforts to exchange scrip for cash were not successful, it was faithful to its obligations. The converted schooner Swift was renamed Thomas Toby in honor of the firm and became a privateer. Claims of Toby and Brother against Texas were approved by 1838, but lack of funds kept them from being fully paid at the time of Thomas Toby's death

in July 1849. Simon Toby visited Texas at intervals after 1850. Thomas Toby's children attempted several times to settle the claim against the state and succeeded on March 29, 1881, when \$45,000 was appropriated to settle the claims.

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Galveston Historical Foundation's Texas Seaport Museum Winter Lecture Series.

The Texas Seaport Museum has a Winter Lecture Series that you may find interesting. Our own Admiral Jim Bevill held one of the lectures on Sunday, Jan. 18th.

He is the author of *The Paper Republic: The Struggle for Money, Credit and Independence in the Republic of Texas*, a non-fiction work on the social and economic history of Texas from the colonial period through the annexation by the United States in 1846.



His book was named as the 2010 winner of the Summerfield G. Roberts literary award by the Sons of the Republic of Texas, and as the Best Specialized book on U.S. Paper Money by the Numismatic Literary Guild at the ANA World's Fair on Money in Boston.

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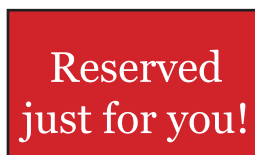


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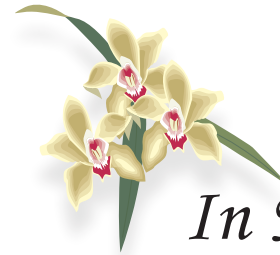
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