

The Invincible



FROM THE HELM: TEXAS NAVY RELEASES FUNDRAISING VIDEO FOR USS LEXINGTON PROJECT

Production is currently underway on our “History of the Texas Navy” film to be featured at the TNA’s exhibit aboard the USS Lexington. While we have received a generous grant of \$35,000 from the Ed Rachal foundation, the TNA needs your financial help to complete this worthwhile project. Be among the first to view, and the first to contribute. The Texas Navy Needs You!

Jerry Patterson, President, TNA

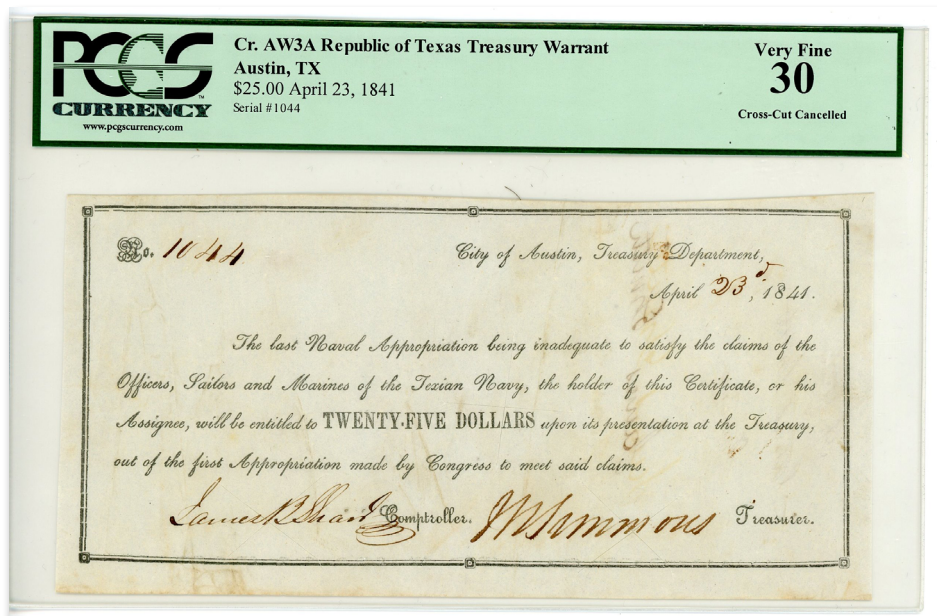


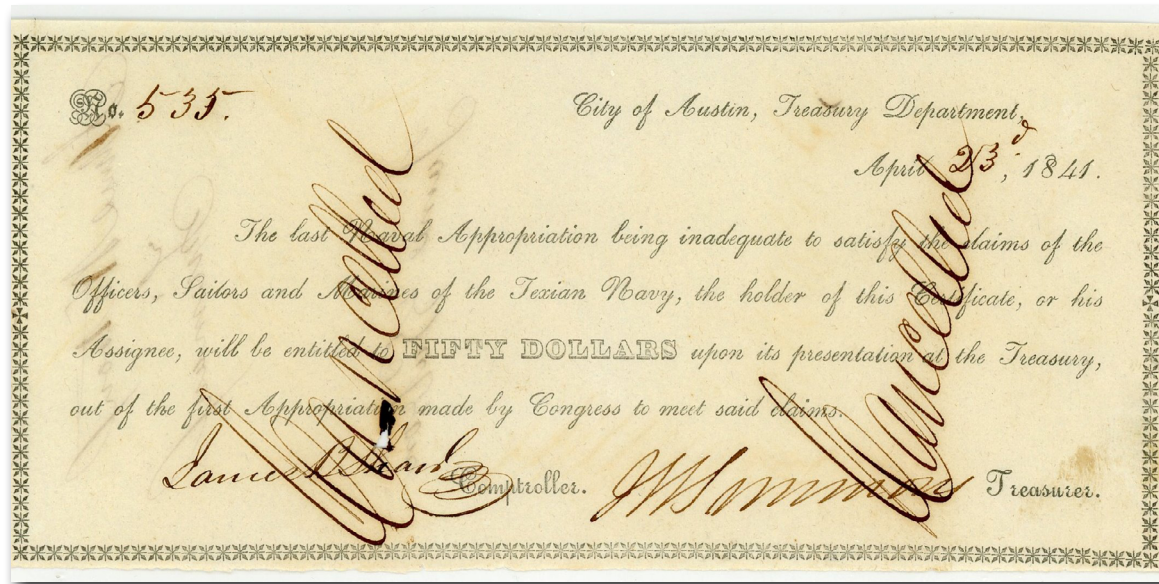


REPUBLIC OF TEXAS TREASURY WARRANTS

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

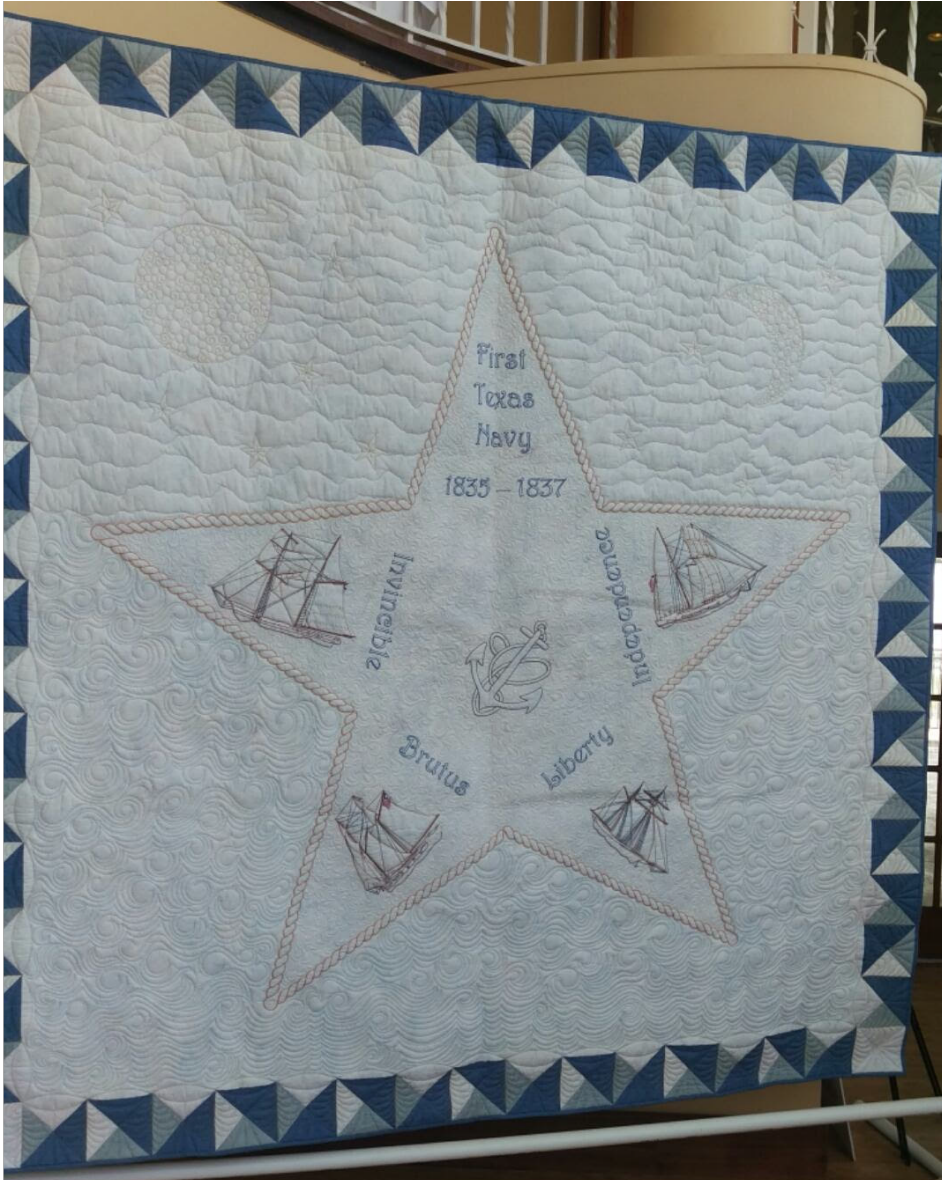


Right Photo: (L) Adm Paul Merryman; Linda Merryman; Representative of Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce presenting the Sponsors Trophy; Adm Marcy Fryday; Judith Shaw; Adm Roy Shaw; Dawn Hatch - Parade Judge and Adm Richard Hatch - TNA Vice President and Parade Judge





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.



By: Admiral Marsha Taylor - Sam Houston Squadron Commander



SAM HOUSTON SQUADRON

The Sam Houston Squadron of the Texas Navy met at Lakewood Yacht Club on Saturday, March 12, with 70 people in attendance. It did run a tad longer than usual — so much to do and say! The new Harbor Room looked lovely.

The pre-program meeting was also well attended. Thank you, to all who planned your morning so you could attend and participate. Quorum was 23, we had at least 32 present.

Former TNA Board member Will Fisher shared some tidbits about the ongoing search for the Invincible near Galveston -- just enough to keep us intrigued! Beth Fisher shared her experiences of answering Roll Call at Washington on the Brazos on Texas Independence Day. Descendants answer for their ancestors, signers of the Declaration of Independence for the Republic of Texas.

The Remembrance Service for SHS Admirals was the first for the SHS. Rubye Garrett was presented with a Texas Navy Association Commemorative Medallion in memory of her husband Bob Garrett, an SHS Plank Owner. Kim Taylor received the medallion in memory of her dad, George Aurich. (Ann Muffeny was out of town but received a medallion later, in memory of her husband, Frank Muffeny, also a Plank Owner.) Jack Thomas and Rev. Aurich were part of the founding committee which designed the markers, based on logos of Texas Navy sailors uniforms. The Table for One was set by a window, commemorating those who can no longer be with us. Bryan Baker's deep voice was the perfect delivery method for the explanation of that reverent ceremony which ends with the ringing of a bell. Larry Rogers shared a tender prayer to end the Remembrance Service.

Two new Admirals were commissioned by 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. This presentation marks the restoration of a tradition dating back to 1971, when the TNA bought and annually presented a big beautiful perpetual trophy to the winner of the Texas Navy Cup. The Texas Navy Cup is a series of races put on by LYC, HYC and GBCA. Immediate Past Commodore of GBCA and regatta organizer, CHRIS DEES was presented with an Admirals commission for his work reviving the event between the TNA and The Texas Navy Cup and GBCA, furthering the mission statement of the TNA. SHS Adjutant Officer and racer, John Barnett was also instrumental in reconnecting the loose ends. Soon more people who sail with GBCA will be hearing about the Texas Navy! Both new Admirals are gracious volunteers in their communities, on many levels. Favorite efforts of each include the Texas Blind Sailing Team and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

After a great poblano pepper and corn soup followed by an entree salad with Texas fillet mignon, our speaker took the mic as the Texas Sheet Cake a la Mode was served. Jerry Patterson, President of the Texas Navy Association, regaled us with funny stories from Texas history. (From Ma Ferguson, "If English was good enough for Jesus Christ then it's good enough for the children of Texas.") Jerry brought us up to date on projects in the works for the TNA and encouraged everyone to join at www.texasnavy.org. Forty dollars a year will open the doors to many upcoming opportunities with membership. (Remember, TNA membership is separate from squadron membership.)



We had a dozen or so guests, Admirals from other squadrons and several who are TNA Members at Large. Certainly this will come as no surprise to any of you, but after the program ended, a couple of dozen attendees hung around together on the other end of the building and shared some more tales and laughs.

Our next quarterly program will be in June. Details will be announced soon.

God Bless Texas!
Marsha Taylor



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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.

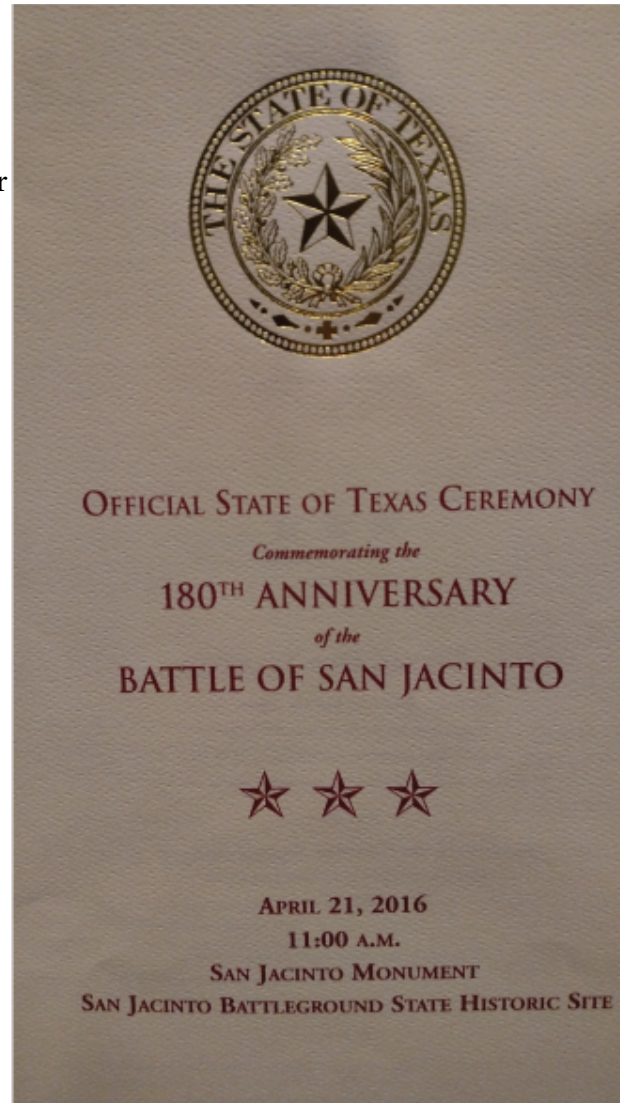
Outstanding effort Admirals! A well deserved thank you to Admiral Beth Fisher for organizing the TNA's effort to assist our Sons of the Republic of Texas brethren in honoring those brave men of San Jacinto on the 180th anniversary of the epic battle.

*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

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 Vice President Admiral Dick Hatch at rhatch@texas.com



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Admiral Kris Ann Voglepol

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