

# Invincible

## Newsletter

### From The Helm

This year seems to be moving along pretty quickly. We have accomplished a lot the first half and don't expect to slow down. We are now listed on [GuideStar](#) thanks to the efforts of Adm. Beth Fisher. Now everyone in the nonprofit world will have a chance to see exactly who we are and what we're doing.

The beginning of the year started with the final finishing touches on the Lexington project with a soft opening the first quarter. The project had a goal of being the best exhibit on board the ship and I firmly believe that was achieved. Thanks to Admiral Turner for his many hours of work to make this come to pass.

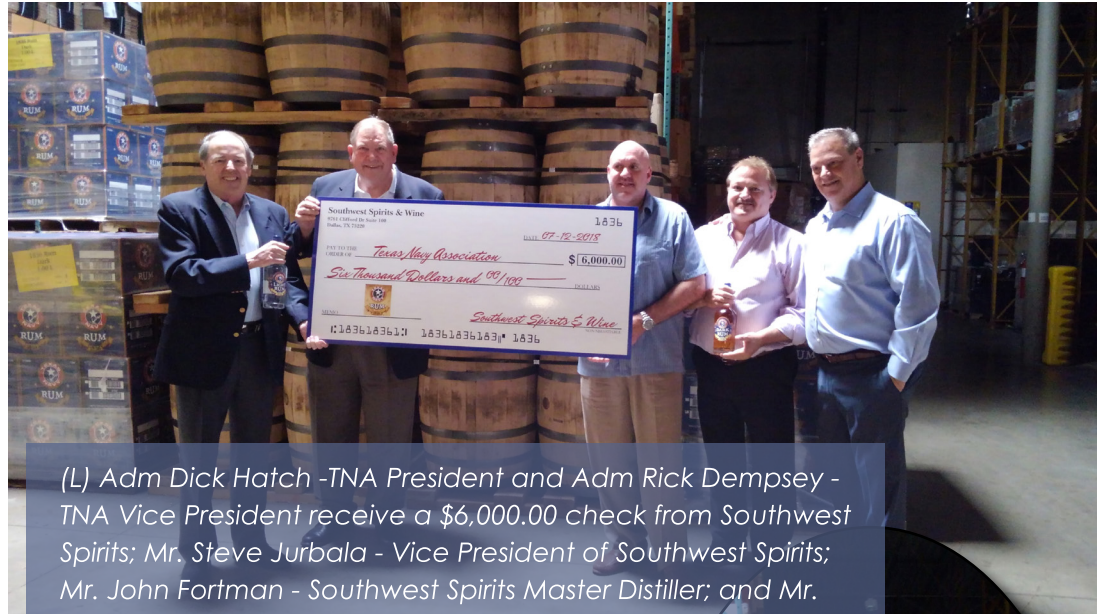
The TEXAS NAVY RUM project is underway (photo on the right). We are excited and grateful to Steve Jurbala, and the management of Southwest Spirits for this partnership.

Another round of thanks to Admiral Beth Fisher for drafting a first ever Annual Report Model. This document doubles as a document of general information for use in raising money for new projects.

Many thanks to Admiral Chester Barnes for his leadership in Development and I expect some great things will be coming our way.

A very special thanks to all of our members for their support and for supporting the Texas Navy Ship's Store.

Membership is growing and I expect it will continue to do so thanks in no small part to the completed projects and our exposure as a result.



(L) Adm Dick Hatch -TNA President and Adm Rick Dempsey - TNA Vice President receive a \$6,000.00 check from Southwest Spirits; Mr. Steve Jurbala - Vice President of Southwest Spirits; Mr. John Fortman - Southwest Spirits Master Distiller; and Mr. Mike Howard - President of Southwest Spirits.

If you are not a member of the TNA, I invite you to join. We are growing and need your help and talents to get The Texas Navy Association to the next step. Thank you and "Carry On"!

God bless Texas and the Texas Navy Association !

Admiral Richard B. Hatch,  
President  
The Texas Navy Association



## Texas Navy Film Awarded Five Telly Awards!

*Submitted by Admiral Bill Turner*

A Texas Navy Association / Kahunas USA Production

*“How the Texas Navy Saved the Revolution”* A historical documentary produced by the Texas Navy Association and Kahunas USA, garnered 5 prestigious Telly Awards for excellence in media production in the following categories:

*Education: Silver Award*

*History: Silver Award*

*Documentary, Editing, and Use of Music each secured the Bronze Award*

*Executive Producer: Bill Turner, Past President of the Texas Navy Association*

*Director / Producer: Craig Loper*

*Director of Photography / Producer: Mitchell Loper*

The 22-minute film highlights the importance of the Texas Navy victories that enabled General Sam Houston’s win at San Jacinto. It tells the story of a nearly forgotten fleet and unsung Navy officers and crews that raided enemy ports, defeated enemy ships and captured supplies that would be used by the Texian Army to defeat General Santa Anna.

*“How the Texas Navy Saved the Revolution”* is featured in the recently opened “Lone Star Navy Exhibit” on the USS Lexington Museum on the Bay, a National Monument and museum in Corpus Christi, Texas. The film can also be viewed at the Texas Maritime Museum in Rockport, Texas and will be featured in the Houston Maritime Museum later this summer. It is available for free download by Social Studies Teachers and Home School Teachers by going to [www.TexasNavy.org](http://www.TexasNavy.org) , clicking on the Teacher’s Film Request in the main menu and completing a short form.



*(L) Director / Producer: Craig Loper, (C) Executive Producer: Bill Turner, (R) Director of Photography / Producer: Mitchell Loper*



The Telly Awards annually showcase the best work created within television and across video, for all screens. Receiving over 12,000 entries from all 50 states and 5 continents, Telly Award winners represent work from some of the most respected advertising agencies, television stations, production companies and publishers from around the world.

Other and previous Telly Award Winners include:

AOL Studios, BET Networks, Bloomberg, CBS Interactive, Comcast, Conde Nast, ESPN, Fox, HBO, Hearst, HuffPost, Indigo Films, Microsoft, MLB, NBC, Ogilvy and Mather, The History Channel, Time Warner, Viacom, and WSJ.

The Texas Navy Association is a charity organization dedicated to restoring and preserving the history of the almost forgotten Texas Navy. Visit [www.texasnavy.org](http://www.texasnavy.org)

Kahunas USA is an independent multi-media production company located in Houston, TX. Visit [www.kahunasusa.com](http://www.kahunasusa.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/texasnavyassociation/>

Coming soon to a Spec's near you this fantastic Rum is the result of a new partnership between the Texas Navy Association and Southwest Spirits and Wines of Dallas Texas. In about two weeks this product will be available all over Texas at Spec's. A portion of the sales will be donated to The Texas Navy Association, a 501(c)3 Corporation. Many thanks to Southwest's CEO, Mike Howard, VP for Marketing, Steve Jurbala and the products Master Distiller, John Fortman. A special thanks to the owners and management of Spec's for their enthusiastic support of Texas Navy Rum.



Richard Hatch, President  
Texas Navy Association

# Texas Independence Day Celebration

March 1st through March 3rd, 2018

*The Texas Heroes Foundation of Hood County*

Presented

The Texas History Fair in Acton, Texas

Event Director: Peggy Freeman

*This report is written by Admiral Bob Satterwhite*

Located next to the lovely historical Good Shepherd Anglican Church and the Acton Cemetery, you will find the smallest state park in Texas. It is the resting place of Elizabeth Patton Crockett, wife of the legendary David Crockett, making it a fitting location for a “stroll through Texas” opportunity for students. The Texas Independence Day Celebration features Texas history exhibits and period music. It is estimated well over six hundred 7th and 8th grade students and teachers attend this history celebration, during the first two days of the fair alone. On the 3rd day of the fair, the public was invited to attend. With over 200 Texas flags lining the street, it is an impressive site to see.

All day, for two days, school buses arrived and departed, as students took an extremely well-organized tour of the history exhibits. There were Indians explaining the Indian's role in Texas history. There were blacksmiths hand-crafting items needed by the settlers. Several chuck wagons, with settlers, talked about what people ate and how they prepared their food in the early years. There were soldiers and ladies representing the Civil War. The Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and the Daughters of the American Revolution were represented at the event, among others. Several of David Crockett's descendants were present. A Civil War medical tent, with doctors and nurses, represented the Civil War. There were reenactors for Sam Houston, Davey Crockett, William Travis, John Smith, and others, who spoke first-person about their lives and the roles they played in Texas history. Canons sounded, and there were several memorial services honoring Elizabeth Crockett. People praised the men who fought for Texas, who forever accomplished deeds, and sacrificed their lives, for a mission that has impacted us all. Students were taught how our Texas heroes had stamina, physical endurance, and plain ole' good common sense.

I was absolutely thrilled at how graciously the organizers of this history fair welcomed the





Texas Navy. The organizers provided The Texas Navy the best venue, and they brought me lunch each day. On behalf of our association, I presented our program, with our video, in the beautiful Historical Good Shepherd Anglican Chapel, with reenactor John Smith, the courier for General Travis, who sought more men to fight in the Battle of the Alamo. For 3 days, Mr. Smith told his story about the Alamo and I told our story about The Texas Navy.

When I asked the students and their teachers about The Texas Navy, their eyes got big and they were totally silent. Even teachers seemed to be taken off guard. It quickly became evident to me that children and adults know little to nothing about the Texas Navy. Our Texas history must inspire, enrich, and enlighten people's minds and hearts. As the Texas Navy members already know, it is our mission to teach our young people about the Texas Navy. Students need to understand that the legacy from the past is instrumental to their own legacy....something much bigger than just themselves. They need to know about the men and ships who accomplished deeds, with lives sacrificed, for the great state of Texas. In 1835, David Crockett said he believed Texas was the garden spot of the world. I agree. Texas is where seeds of patriotism should be planted in the hearts and minds of our youth, to enable them to swear an allegiance to their great state of Texas and to their great country.



I suggest The Texas Navy Association present our story again next year...same place...same time. Texas Independence Day is an opportune time to talk about the Texas Navy in Acton, Texas. It would be my honor to formulate the plans needed to participate in the Hood County-Texas Heroes Foundation History Fair, for Texas Independence Day, next year.

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Remember to keep your profile current so we can keep in touch! OR, e-mail me and I'll update your contact info for you.

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# U.S.S. Lexington Grand Opening

Photos: Adm Jack Frassantio



The Grand Opening of the exhibit took place on May 19, 2018! Take an in-depth journey into the Texas Navy and see first-hand how they saved the Revolution. You'll find a replicated warship's gun deck, cannons, navigation gear and real uniforms they wore in actual combat. Texas bravery and heroism takes center stage with countless artifacts and stories from naval warfare and a never-before-seen film highlighting 19th century cannon technology. It's all new and all Texas. Come see it today! Location: On board the USS Lexington - 2914 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, Texas 78402





## Recognition for a Job Well Done

Those recognized at the Grand Opening of the Texas Navy Exhibit on board the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, Texas were Admiral Bill Turner and Admiral Rusty Reustle.

Photo: (L) Admiral Bill Turner - Admiral Turner received the Texas Navy Association's Meritorious Service Medal for the production of the film "How the Texas Navy Saved the Revolution". Admiral Turner was the Executive Producer of the film. Congratulations Admiral Turner! (R) Admiral Charles (Rusty) Reustle was presented an Admiral in the Texas Navy commission. Admiral Reustle is the Director of Displays and Operations on the Lex. He was responsible for location selection, demolition, bulkhead construction, wiring, deck preparation and air conditioning. Congratulations Admiral Reustle!

# Did You Know?

There is now a free Mobile App: **"Wild Apricot For Members"**.

Our membership data is managed through "Wild Apricot" and it is now available for **FREE** for iPhones and coming soon for Androids. GET IT NOW IN THE APP STORE ON YOUR IPHONE! (LOG IN WITH YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND PASSWORD)

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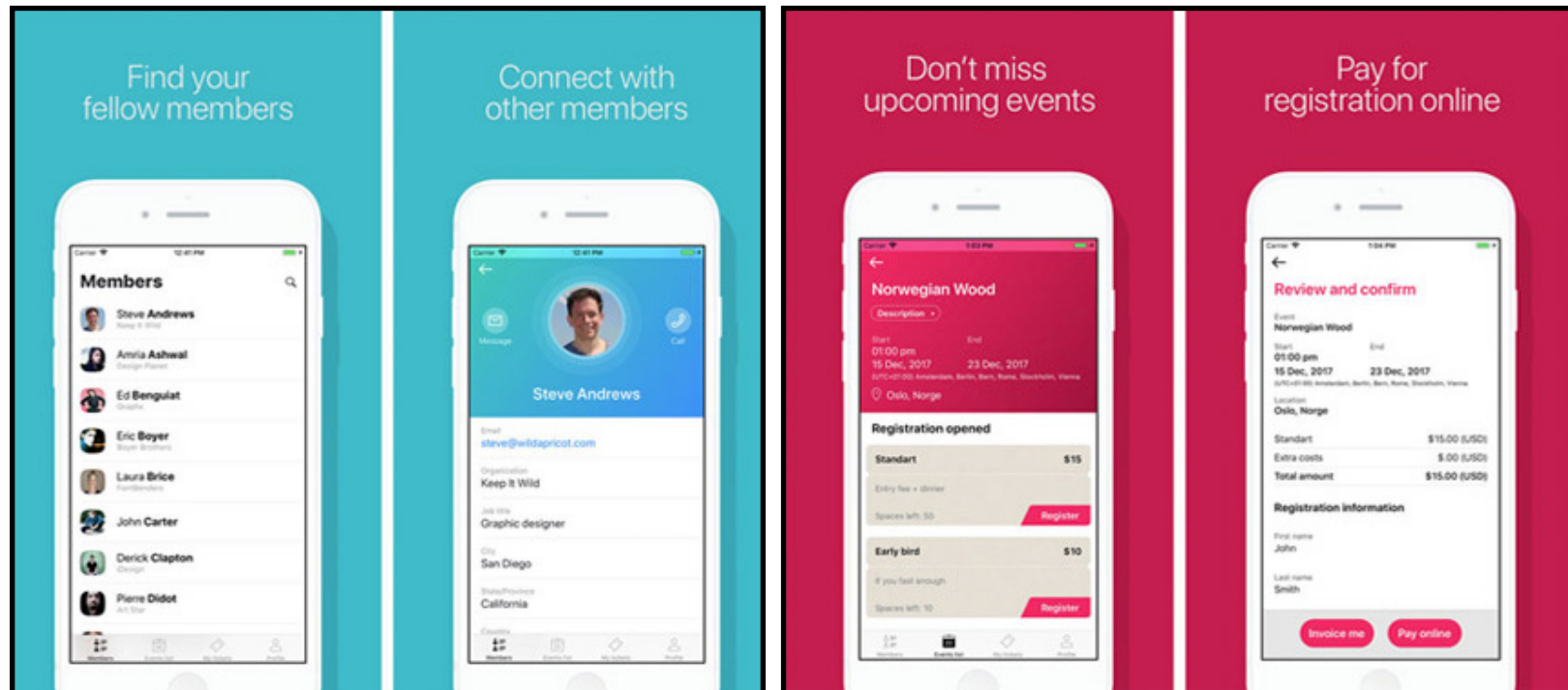
Register for an event through the app

View existing event registration

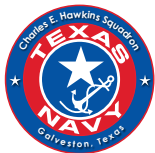
Pay an outstanding event registration fee

## Update Personal Profiles:

Members can view their personal profile, including their membership renewal date







## Hawkins Squadron

*Written by: Adm Andy Hall*

The Charles E. Hawkins Squadron in Galveston had a busy spring in 2018.

The meeting of the Hawkins Squadron in Galveston on March 1 was one of the best yet – and that’s saying something. The guest was Steve Curley, Professor of English and Literature at Texas A&M University at Galveston. Steve took us on a voyage of sea chanteys, mixed in with



Steve Curley



Salt Beef Team



Salt Beef Barrel

a little lore and history. He wisely forgot to mention that it was an audience-participation event, until the food was served and attendees

couldn’t leave. Smart man. The numbers included “Rio Grande;” “Haul Away, Joe;” “Boston Harbor;” “New York Gals;” and “Leave Her, Johnny!” Such great fun.

On the weekend of April 5-8, the Galveston Historical Foundation served as host of the Tall Ships Galveston event, that brought together historic replica and sail training vessels from around the world. Galveston was the first stop on the 2018 Tall Ships



Tall Ship Schooner Lynx

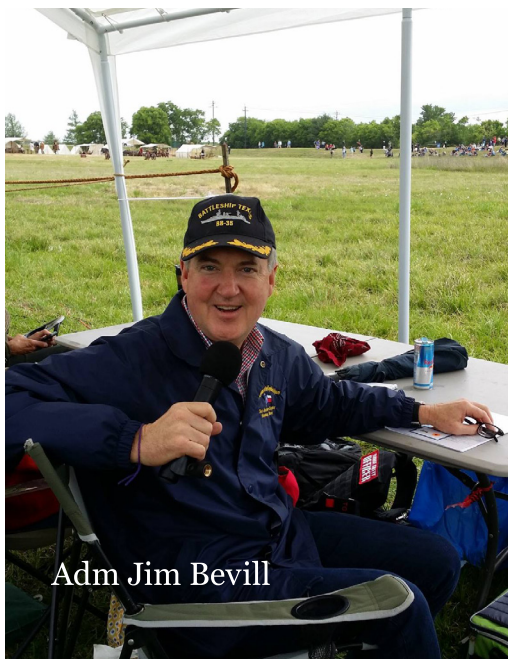
Challenge, a series of annual events organized by Tall Ships America. These events draw hundreds of thousands of people to witness beautiful tall ships from the age of sail and provides a unique opportunity for the participants to interact with the crews of different vessels in friendly rivalry as they race from port to port.

Members of the Hawkins Squadron, as well as the Texas Navy Association generally, volunteered at several events during the weekend, and sailed aboard craft accompanying the Tall Ships during the parade of vessels during the Parade of Sail on Thursday, April 5.

Two of the visiting vessels might have been of particular interest

to TNA members. The schooner Lynx is a replica of an American privateer from the War of 1812, launched at Fell's Point, Maryland. In general appearance she resembles the classic Baltimore Clipper type, and is probably very similar overall to the topsail schooners used by the Texian Navy in the 1830s and 40s – in particular, Independence and Invincible of the First Texas Navy, and San Bernard, San Antonio, and San Jacinto of the Second Texas Navy. In fact, Lynx is so close that we adapted an image of her, with permission, as the header image for the Hawkins Squadron website.

The sailing school ship Oliver Hazard Perry is similar in overall size and appearance to the flagship of the Second Texas Navy, the sloop-of-war Austin. The verisimilitude is not quite as good here (that's where the squinting comes in), but she still gives a pretty good overall impression of what Austin must have looked like back in the day.



Adm Jim Bevill

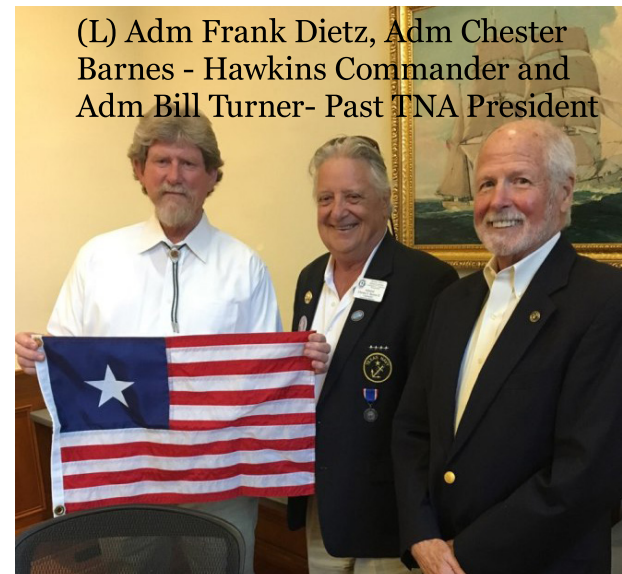
On April 21, San Jacinto Day, members of the Hawkins Squadron joined members of other TNA squadrons to participate in ceremonies at the San Jacinto Battleground. Hawkins Squadron member Adm. Jim Bevill had the honor of narrating the reenactment of the battle.

On Thursday, May 3, the Hawkins Squadron hosted a presentation by Grace Tsai, a PhD student in the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M who's doing some really interesting work on

food and nutrition at sea in the 17th century, based on historical accounts and archaeological evidence (e.g., butchered animal bones found in shipwrecks). The central aspect of her research includes recreating historical shipboard victuals according to traditional methods, and then testing how well they preserve (or not) aboard ship during a long, simulated sea voyage. Fortunately for her, the research does not require actually consuming the resulting rations. One not entirely surprising finding – period sailors consumed about 30x the current recommended upper daily intake limit for sodium.

Ms. Tsai graduated with bachelor degrees in Psychology and Anthropology from the University of California, San Diego in 2011. Currently, she is a PhD student in the Nautical Archaeology Program at Texas A&M University. Her work focuses on understanding post-medieval seafaring life through analysis of diet and physical labor on sailors' health. Her most recent field work includes the Gnalij Project, an excavation of a sixteenth-century Venetian galley that sank off the coast of Croatia, the Burgaz Harbor Project, an excavation of Hellenistic harbors in Turkey, and the Shelburne Steamboat Project, an excavation of a steamboat graveyard in Vermont.

Also on May 3, the Hawkins Squadron hosted the commissioning of Captain Frank Dietz of Brazoria County. Captain Dietz, a 22-year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, holds a 100-ton



(L) Adm Frank Dietz, Adm Chester Barnes - Hawkins Commander and Adm Bill Turner- Past TNA President



Master's License and operates a retired 82-foot Coast Guard Patrol Boat, that he uses with the Sea Scouts program to enable scouts to meet their qualifications. He also operates the 60-foot sternwheel paddleboat Yellowstone on the San Bernard River in Brazoria County. Yellowstone and Captain Dietz appear in the recent Texas Navy Association production, "How the Texas Navy Saved the Revolution," which is distributed for free use by educators across the state.

On Thursday, May 10, Adm. Andy Hall gave a presentation at the Houston Maritime Museum on the capture of the schooner Pelicano by the Texian Navy schooner Liberty in March 1836. Although this was one of the Navy's lesser-known fights, it was in many ways one of the most dramatic and important to the success of the new Republic.

Going into the summer of 2018, the Hawkins Squadron looks to the presentations on hurricane preparedness and the "Ike Dike" (July 12), and more activities related to the Texas Navy and local maritime history. We're looking toward hosting the commissioning of some new Admirals, and lots of other good work to keep the history of the Texas Navy alive and well.



Congratulations to Admiral Fitch for his rank advancement from Commander in the Texas Navy to Admiral in the Texas Navy.

*Photo: (L) Admiral Chester Barnes - Hawkins Squadron Commander, Admiral Bryan Fitch and Mrs. Fitch.*

The Texas Navy Association at lunch after the wonderful San Jacinto Day Ceremony presented by the SRT and DRT.

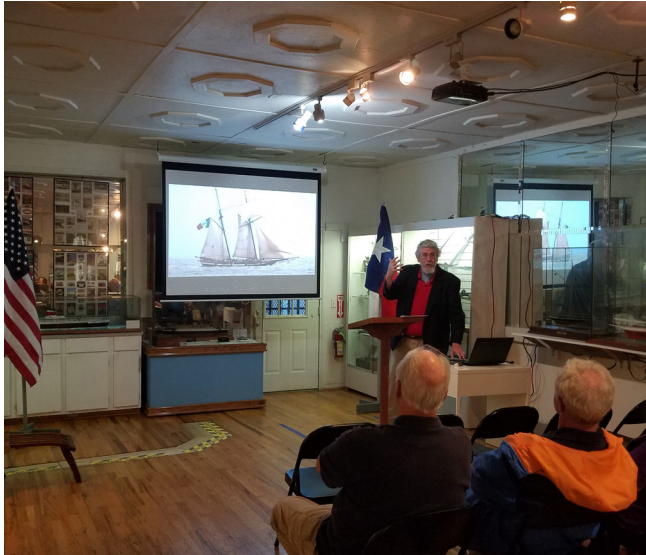
Members from Sam Houston, Lamar, Hawkins and Tom Toby Squadrons enjoyed great food at the Monument Inn.





## Tom Toby Squadron

*Submitted by Admiral Jeff Corbin*



A big thanks to Admiral Andy Hall for the outstanding presentation given at the last Tom Toby Squadron meeting.

The next Tom Toby event will be the Annual Business meeting to be held in September at the Houston Maritime Museum. Be watching your emails for notification and specifics.

Admiral Jeff Corbin  
Commander Tom Toby Squadron  
Texas Navy Association



# Nimitz Squadron

**T**he Nimitz Squadron is up and running! Check out the "Nimitz News" to the right of this page to catch up on all the wonderful current and future plans for their squadron.

To attend their function on September 1 e-mail your RSVP to [admiralellison@yahoo.com](mailto:admiralellison@yahoo.com)

To respond to the "Each One Recruit One" you may go to the TNA website for more information on how to join the TNA. [JOIN NOW!](#)

Congratulations to Commander Weiland for his leadership and organization. Also, congratulations to Admiral Carolyn McWhirter Orlebeke on the first edition of the "Nimitz News".



# Nimitz News



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Carolyn Orlebeke, Gary Towers, Mike Popelka, Tim Weiland, Nick Gilliam, and James Ellison

## Commander Weiland reports on the Squadron's recent Emergency Management Meeting on May 22

What a great day to be in the Texas Navy. After a successful emergency management meeting, the Nimitz Squadron has repaired its rudder chains and is underway.

Admiral Ellison has put together a BBQ. Details are included in this newsletter. Plan on attending. Thank you for your help in making the Nimitz Squadron great.

A big thank you goes to Admirals James Ellison, Gary Towers, Bob Northcraft, Nick Gilliam, Carolyn Orlebeke, and Mike Popelka for their desire to help keep us afloat. The future is bright. Get onboard and help. 🚢

## Each One Recruit One

The Nimitz Squadron is actively pursuing new Texas Navy Admirals. Many Squadron members have friends who are interested in Texas and its rich history. Encourage these friends to become Admirals. Bring them as guests to the Nimitz Squadron meetings. For information on how to join, see [https://texasnavy.org/Join-Us-\(sample\)](https://texasnavy.org/Join-Us-(sample)). Remember "Each One Recruit One." 🚢

## All hands on deck for first Squadron BBQ on Sept. 1

Come one, come all to the Squadron's 2018 Labor Day Weekend BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 1.

All Admirals – new, old, and prospective – are invited along with your families. Each Admiral may also bring two guests. Spread the word!



**DATE:** September 1, first Saturday

**TIME:** 11 a.m. to 4 pm

**PLACE:** A large private estate home at 238 Dower Road, Terrell, TX 75160

**COST PER PERSON: FREE**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: July 20**

**TRANSPORTATION:** If you need free transportation to this event, it will be provided.

**RSVP TO:** Admiral James Ellison at [admiralellison@yahoo.com](mailto:admiralellison@yahoo.com) with:

- your name
- your telephone number
- number attending event
- if you need transportation to this event and, if so, for how many people

**WEATHER CONCERNS:** There will be a large air-conditioned tent provided.

**QUESTIONS:** Call Admiral James Ellison at 214-229-1904.



The day's schedule will include the following:

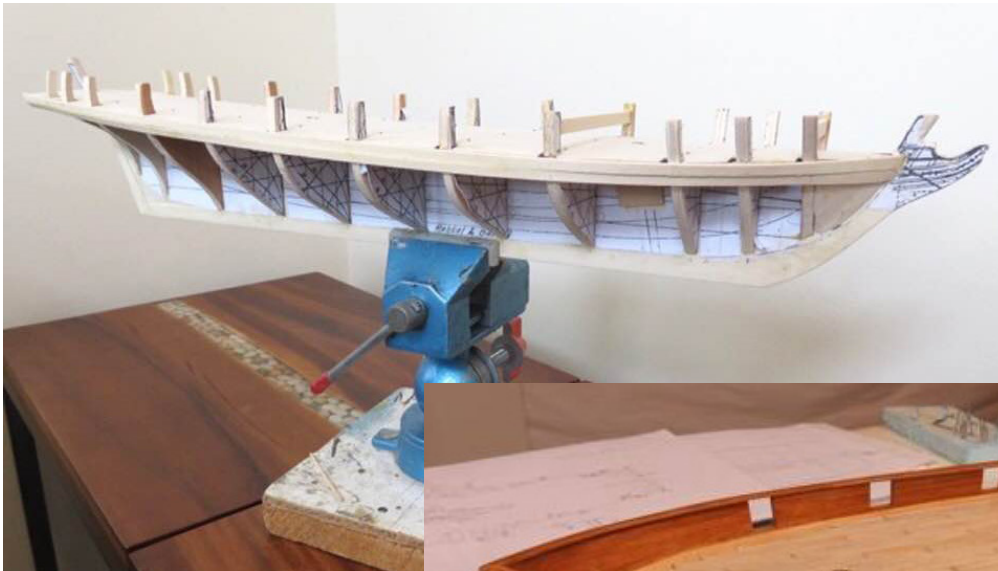
- 11 am: Classical String Quartet playing while guests arrive
- Introductions using a fun game ☺
- Noon: BBQ served by caterer
- Many family games for all to enjoy
- 3 pm: Rhythm and Blues Band that includes nationwide professional musicians and "YES" you may dance to these tunes
- Plus many other fun activities including viewing new and vintage Corvettes

We look forward to being with you all at this Labor Day Weekend BBQ. 🚢



By Adm Bill Turner

Master model builder, Charlie Cozewith, is building a model of the Texas Navy Warship Invincible. The model is based in part on research provided by the Texas Navy Association. The model is being built for the Houston Maritime Museum and will be on display in the new museum location in the future. Master modeler Charlie Cozewith sends the following photos of the nearly complete hull. We see the first and second layers of hull planking, transom, rails, gun ports and deck planking. Next stage is installation of the deck structures.





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## The Texas Navy Association



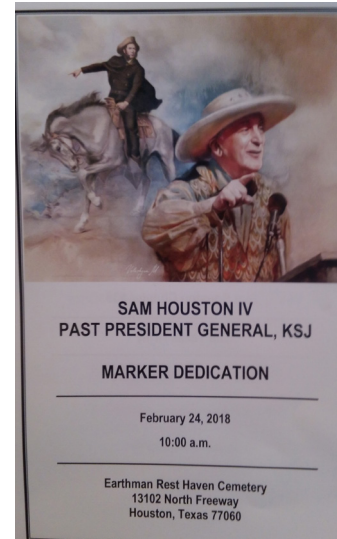
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involved with helping to  
preserve and promote the  
little known history of the  
Texas Navy!**

## Sam Houston IV remembered with Graveside Marker Ceremony

Saturday February 24, 2018, the Sam Houston Chapter of the Sons of the Republic of Texas hosted a gravesite marker dedication to honor Sam Houston IV's term as President General of The Sons of the Republic of Texas. Sam Houston was also a Texas Navy Admiral at the time of his death on March 10, 2017 in Katy, Texas at the age of 85.



PROGRAM	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
Opening Remarks and Flag Ceremony Bart Dawson President, Sam Houston Chapter #38	Bob Steakley President General, KSJ
Invocation Bobby R. Smith Chaplain, Sam Houston Chapter #38	Sam Clark Past President General, KSJ
Program Speakers Charlie Briggs, Past President General, KSJ Joe Ginn, Past President General, KSJ Charlie Fogarty, KSJ	Tom Green Knight Commander, KSJ
Marker Dedication Program History & Unveiling of the Marker Bob Steakley, President General, KSJ	Sam Houston Chapter #38
Black-powder Salute	The Texas Army
Benediction	The Lonestar Volunteers



A granite stone marker containing a five-pointed star medallion was placed at Earthman Rest Haven Cemetery located at 13102 N. Freeway in Houston to commemorate this event.

*Photo: (L) Admiral, Sir Tom Green, SRT, KSJ, TNA and TNA President, Admiral Richard Hatch. Both attending the SRT Marker Dedication at the grave sight of Sam Houston IV. [Read More](#)*







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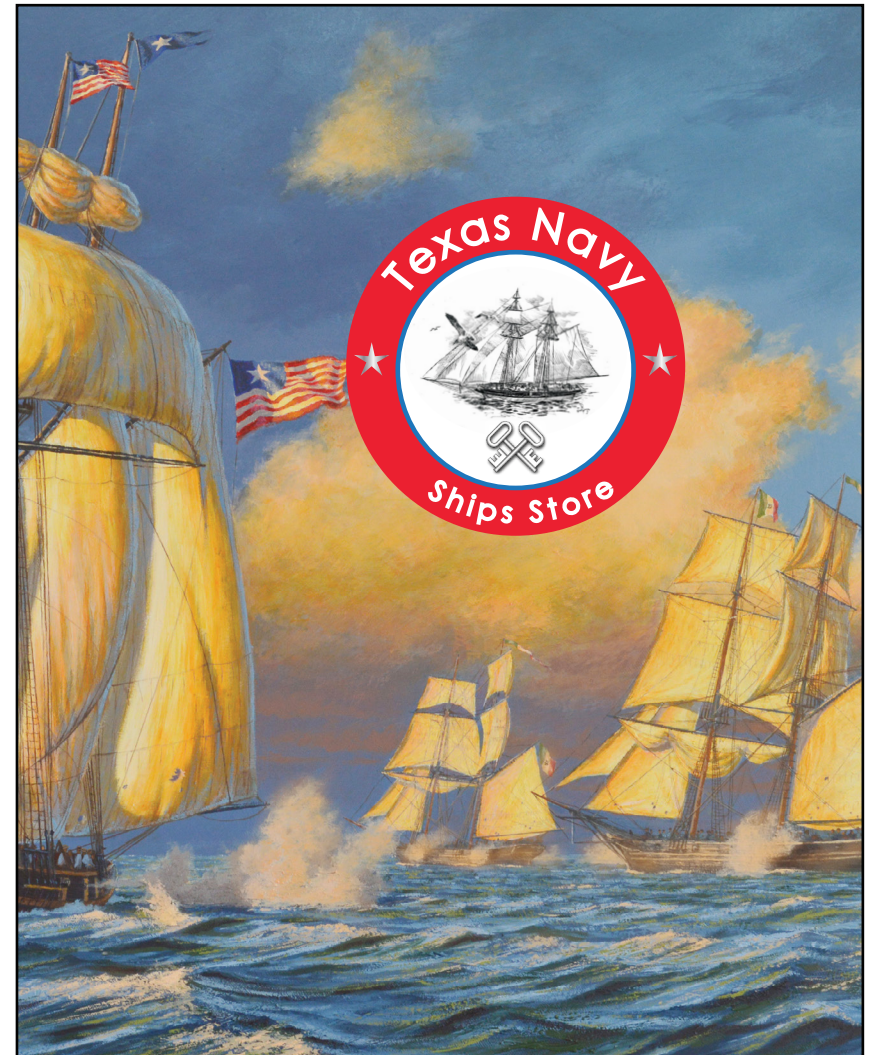
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If you live in the Galveston or south Houston area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Chester Barnes at [chester@barnes.com](mailto:chester@barnes.com)

### **Chester W. Nimitz Squadron**

If you live in the Dallas area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Tim Weiland [e7aviation@att.net](mailto:e7aviation@att.net)

### **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 Steve Von Roeder [svroeder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:svroeder@sbcglobal.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, Adm Mike DeHart [mikede@msn.com](mailto:mikede@msn.com)

### **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 Richard Weitzel [richard.weitzel@gmail.com](mailto:richard.weitzel@gmail.com)

### **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 Robert Williams [apachenite@aol.com](mailto:apachenite@aol.com)

### **Tom Toby Squadron**

If you live in the Houston area and are interested in joining a Squadron you may contact Squadron Commander Admiral Jeff Corbin [corbinj43@yahoo.com](mailto:corbinj43@yahoo.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](mailto:peterd@cctexas.com)

If you would like a Squadron to form near you please let us know. Contact Admiral Dick Hatch [rhatch@texasnavy.com](mailto:rhatch@texasnavy.com)



## In Memory Of

[Admiral Dwight Albert Sharpe](#)

Admiral Gordon Kelso

*Fair Winds and Following Seas*

