



Texas Navy Association

Historical Article



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Texian Navy was organized during the provisional government of 1835, under Governor Henry Smith.

In 1955, a member of the Cradle of Texas Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas was appointed chairman of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas State Committee to initiate the Texian Navy Day, an honor day for the organization.

Texans recognize the dedication and service of the military personnel who served with the Texian Navy and who contributed to the victory at the Battle of Velasco.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 16, 1995, as:

TEXIAN NAVY DAY

In Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.



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JULY 15, 1955

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The Navy of the Texian Forces fought valiantly for the independence of Texas. This sea power, though small for the task, made possible beyond a doubt the victories that brought forth a new nation, The Republic of Texas.

This great Republic became the State of Texas. Now, after more than a century, it is fitting that the patriotic citizens of this State suitably commemorate the deeds and exploits of the brave men of the Texian Navy whose valor and effective striking force were far in excess of that which could reasonably have been expected from numerically so small a force. It was their fighting spirit that made the difference.

The long stretch of the Texas coast, extending from Louisiana to Mexico, with its numerous rivers, bays, inlets, was most difficult to protect; but the Texian Navy was well equal to the task and wrote thrilling Naval history which should make Texans proud throughout all time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, as Governor of Texas, do hereby designate and proclaim the week of September 1 - 7, 1955, as

TEXIAN NAVY WEEK

and September 3, 1955, as

TEXIAN NAVY DAY

in Texas and urge all Texans to read or re-read those stirring chapters in Texas history which deal with the exploits of the Texian Navy.

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