



# THE BATTLE REPORT

San Jacinto Battleground



Battleship TEXAS SHS

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*The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department works cooperatively with the San Jacinto Historical Advisory Board, Battleship Texas Foundation and San Jacinto Museum of History Association, to manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of this important site. Those collective efforts are showcased in these pages for the benefit of our devoted constituents – enjoy your newsletter – and thanks for your support!*

## “2016 Texian Navy Day”

photo courtesy of Ron Brown Chairman of the Texian Navy Committee, for the SRT.

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Battleship TEXAS was once again proud to host the annual Texian Navy Day sponsored by the Battleship Texas Foundation, and created by the Sons of the Republic of Texas (SRT). As friends and family gathered on the deck under a warm Texas sky, the ceremony was introduced by Ron Brown, Chairman of the Texas Navy Committee and Master of Ceremony, Bob Steakley, President General of the SRT. David Whitaker, President of the Sam Houston Chapter announced this year's Enlisted Sailor of the Year from USS San Jacinto - Sam Houston Chapter #38, Leading Petty Officer First Class Adam C. Jerasa.

Also in attendance was Maurice Nassar, President of the San Jacinto Chapter of the SRT., Joe R. Davidson, KSJ; Chaplain of the San Jacinto Chapter. and Chaplain of the Tom Squadron of the Texas Navy Association, David Whitaker, President of the Sam Houston Chapter #38, of The Sons of the Republic of Texas, Fred Mead, The President General of the Descendants of The Battle of San Jacinto, Dr. Betty Edwards; President General of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, Jerry Patterson, President of the Texas Navy Association, Justin Rhodes, State Park Director Region 4. (TPWD), William Irwin, San Jacinto Complex Superintendent, (TPWD), Andy Smith, Battleship Texas Manager, (TPWD), Bruce Bramlett, Executive Director of the Battleship Texas Foundation, Tony Gregory, Chairman of the Board of the Battleship Texas Foundation, Jack Christie, City of Houston Councilman, at Large District 5, Carl Salazar, City of Houston, Office of Veterans Affairs, Mayor Jerry Mouton, Mayor of Deer Park Texas., represented by Bill Patterson, Christie Erickson (The Yellow Rose of Texas), Mike Wilson, President of the Lone Star Chapter of the SRT., Steve Manis, President of the Sidney Sherman Chapter of the SRT., Jeff Corbin from Harco Aviation, a member of the San Jacinto Chapter and the Vice Commander of the Tom Toby Squadron of the TNA. Along with these honored guests were members of the Port Of Houston, Fire Boat on hand for a spectacular water salute and the Lone Star Volunteers with a cannon salute. Thanks to everyone for another memorable ceremony and to ship staff for all their hard work with the ceremony.



# REVIEWILLIE...

## “Passing of TEXAS Crewmember Eddleman”

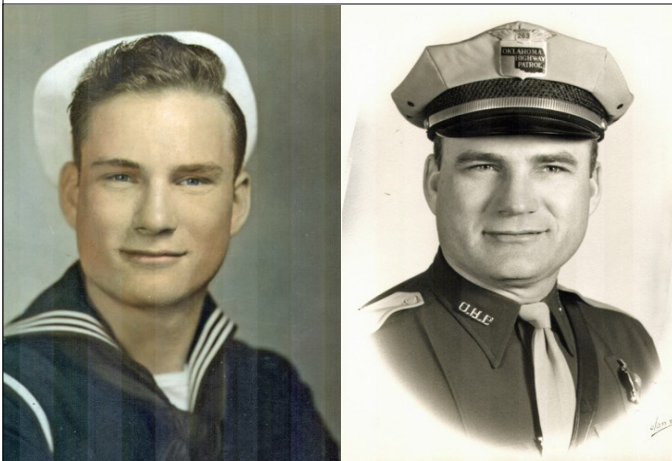
It is with sad heart that we announce the passing of Mr. Will John Eddleman former USS TEXAS crewmember who passed away August 27<sup>th</sup> at the age of 94 at his home in Stillwater, Ok.

John was born in Tipton, OK to Fred and Irene Eddleman. He loved that town, participating in Boy Scouts, football, riding his horse Cricket, and playing the trombone. John later moved to the Mead/Durant area to finish school. He joined the U.S. Navy in January of 1942, and spent almost 4 years aboard the Battleship Texas going on invasions in North Africa, Normandy, Cherbourg, Italy, Iwo Jima and finally Okinawa.

Because John had played the trombone, he was assigned to bugler school, so spent his time on the navigation bridge during the war. It wasn't unusual for him to play the bugle in "swing time." He received numerous medals, especially for his actions after the bridge was hit during the battle of Cherbourg. John remained loyal to "his ship" the rest of his life going to numerous reunions, raising money for its restoration, and sharing his knowledge with many navy historians. He would describe himself as a Patriot. After the war, John attended Fresno State, but felt the call to come back home, and joined the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in 1950 spending 20 years serving the state in Chandler, Pauls Valley, Watonga, Vinita, and finally OKC, where he was civil defense and communications director, size and weights, and was the liaison director for building the current Oklahoma Highway Patrol building.

He took great pride in seeing that project through. Every aspect of being a trooper was important to John, whether it meant working an accident, helping stranded motorists, giving safety talks, or teaching lessons to new cadets. After retirement from the Patrol, John worked for P.C. Schools as the Transportation Director, and as Chief of Police. Anyone who knew John would most likely tell you that he was a great storyteller. His attention to details was amazing. John's stories were funny, heartwarming, and often life lessons. He became a Christian as a young boy, and put his trust in The Sermon on the Mount. John also had a passion for boats, and owned too many to count. Many fun weekends were spent at Lake Eufaula, where he put to practice his building skills. John biggest achievement was that he knew how to make memories with his family, which where his pride and joy.

He first married Vera during the war, and daughter, Linda, was born. He later married Bea, and had daughters, Johnita and Nancy. After Bea's death, John was reunited with and married his childhood sweetheart from Tipton, Kathryn. Kathryn had two daughters, Jill and Ann. He was predeceased by wives, Bea and Kathryn; his parents; brothers, Rineheart, Lee Roy, Gene; and sister, Fredoline. Perhaps John would say his biggest source of pride was his family, whom he loved so much.



John Eddleman with his family at the Battleship TEXAS reunion March 2014



# REVEILLE II...

## San Jacinto Bulkhead Repair Project Completed”

photos by Randy Graf

We reported to you back in mid-January that the San Jacinto Bulkhead project was underway and despite the countless days of continuous rainfall that kept the project slowed to a crawl on some days, the ‘Bulkhead’ project is finally completed and what a beautiful change it is.

The plan to repair the existing bulkhead wall along the Houston Ship Channel from the southern end of the TPWD property north to the gangway access to the Battleship Texas looks terrific and our guests can take a stroll along the new walkway and enjoy the many happenings going on in the park as well as the Houston Ship Channel.

Included in the plans was to construct a new Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) compliant walkway from the Battleship store down to the existing “boat landing,” along the bulkhead wall south, following the levee, and back up to the Works Progress Administration (WPA) restroom and parking area just outside of the maintenance area; and make minor modifications to the WPA restroom to make it compliant with TAS. Overall length of bulkhead wall repaired is approximately 1600LF; overall length of walkway that has been constructed is approximately 1600LF, although the lengths are not concurrent.





## “Announcing the Lloyd J. Gregory Collections Internship”

story line by Stephanie Croatt – photos courtesy of TPWD archives

We are excited to announce that the Battleship TEXAS Foundation will sponsor an internship in summer 2017 for an undergraduate or graduate student to perform a partial inventory of the ship's collection and to assist with digitization efforts. The Lloyd J. Gregory Collections Management Internship is named in honor of the former Chairman of the Battleship Texas Commission. The ideal candidate for the internship will have a professional interest in history and museums and will also have prior experience working with artifacts. The intern will receive a stipend to work on-site on a specific collections inventory project for up to 400 hours. This inventory will include creating digital images of artifacts and up-dating descriptions, locations, and condition reports in the collections data-base.

Throughout the course of the internship, the intern will gain hands-on experience working with the collection and will also enjoy professional development opportunities to build valuable relationships with other museum professionals. At the conclusion of the internship, the intern will present his or her work to BTF in the form of a cap-stone presentation. Applications for the internship will be available in early spring 2017 and the position will be advertised through the Texas Association of Museums, American Association of State and Local History, and other professional networks. We are grateful to BTF for their generosity in funding this internship, and look forward to making great strides in managing our artifacts in the coming year!



Lloyd Gregory (Right) served as the first Chairman of the Battle-ship TEXAS Commission, and was instrumental in bringing the ship to Texas in 1948.

## “HNSA Conference”

story line and photos courtesy of Stephanie Croatt

In late September, ship staff, volunteers, and Battleship TEXAS Foundation staff attended the annual Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA) conference. The TEXAS gang attended sessions on topics such as preservation, sales and marketing, and fundraising. Stephanie Croatt presented on core documents that are important for museums. Her presentation was very well received, and inspired the HNSA board to create an Ethics Statement for the organization. Stephanie and Sarah Faulkner co-presented on planning and conducting programs on controversial topics. They received incredibly positive feedback from other historic ship professionals and were encouraged to hear the successes and experiences other ships have had. In addition to the networking and learning opportunities, there was some time to party as well! The LEXINGTON crew did an amazing job of hosting the conference by putting on entertaining events like a “Steel Beach Party,” and having a friendly and welcoming group of staff and volunteers.



Steel Beach Party held aboard LEXINGTON provided fun diversion during the conference.

# MANEUVERS II...



## “Happy 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the Battle Report”

This month marks the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “The Battle Report”. The format has changed, the editors have changed and the mission statement has even slightly changed, but what hasn’t changed is our constant determination and devotion to bring our readers all the up-to-date news and happenings here at San Jacinto Battleground/Battleship TEXAS State Historic Site.

What started out as a mandatory weekly report by then park Complex Superintendent Jerry Hopkins, soon turned into a weekly newsletter by former park manager, Russell Kuykendall. Even after his promotion to former park Complex Superintendent, Russ maintained the newsletter for quite some time before turning it over to Tim Reeves and then eventually over to Barbara Graf all the while still maintaining a watchful eye. The newsletter has gone from once weekly to bi-weekly and since Russ’s departure in May of 2013, San Jacinto Battleground’s park manager Scott Triebes and Bill Irwin, San Jacinto’s Complex Superintendent has stepped up and are lending their skills to the newsletter while yours truly is still the editor.

We hope that in the fourteen years that the newsletter has been in print we have accomplished this desire in keeping our readers well informed. We want to thank all those who have contributed stories and photos in the past years and welcome any new stories for future editions. It has been a very rewarding experience to all of us who have worked so hard to keep our co-workers, partners, friends and families abreast of the day to day events in the park and aboard the Battleship TEXAS and we look forward to continuing to provide the best information we can.

## “Pasadena PD Pays a Visit”

photo courtesy of Sgt. Danny Webb

Special guests to the Battleground this week were the Pasadena Police Motorcycle Unit Division which functions within the Patrol Division. The Unit is comprised of 1 Sergeant and 7 officers that operate directly under a Lieutenant and Assistant Chief. The Motorcycle Unit is responsible for both reactive and proactive traffic enforcement and traffic control. Officers must continually keep apprised of State and City traffic laws. They provide traffic control, crowd control and address parking problems along with providing Police escorts on parades, running events, bike rallies, etc. The motorcycle unit often attend community and public relation events and serve on boards that plan parade routes, including Christmas and Rodeo events. The Unit works closely with the City Traffic Department recommending traffic control devices and speed limits. The Motorcycle Division maintains an excellent relationship with area Police departments and often assist with organization of multi-agency traffic and community related events. Motorcycle Officers must maintain exceptional riding skills. Officers must pass a strenuous 40 hour Police Motorcycle riding course and re-certification courses for veteran officers assigned to the Division.



It was an honor to have our photograph taken beside the USS Texas. The ship is such a significant part of American history and a Texas treasure. We appreciate the opportunity to have her in our Division photograph which will be used in the upcoming police annual to celebrate our 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Department.  
L-R Ofc. Helgesen, Ofc. Shafer, Ofc. Humphrey, Sgt. Webb, Ofc. Halsey, Ofc. Cashmore, Ofc. Timmons.  
Not pictured is Ofc. Schrock



# MANEUVERS III...



## “USS DeGrasse Visits the TEXAS”

photo courtesy of Ms. Jan Mitchell

This month we had a very special visit from the crewmembers and their families from the USS DeGrasse. Mike Winkler, First TEXAS Volunteers was on hand to give them a guided tour of the TEXAS. The USS DeGrasse was commissioned as a Liberty (transport/cargo) ship in Nov 1943. It operated in the Pacific Theater during WWII with a crew of 206 and troop capacity of 900. Some of the campaigns the DeGrasse participated in were the Marshall, Gilbert, Mariana, Okinawa, and Hawaiian Islands. The crewmates have been holding annual reunions since 1990 in cities all over the USA. Many of the crew members have gone on their eternal cruise, but crew, spouses and family members continue the annual get together. This year the group stayed in the Houston area and besides the TEXAS they toured Ellington AFB, the San Jacinto Battlefield, NASA, and Galveston.

## “Wheelhouse Road to Recovery Ride”

Saturday, October the 8<sup>th</sup>, San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site was again proud to host the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the “Road to Recovery” Monument Wheelhouse Run. This 75 mile ride, concert and barbeque benefits the men living at the Wheelhouse located in Deer Park, Texas. It is a bare bones living environment that offers help to alcohol addicted and substance abused men. Since opening its doors in 1952 it's been known as the "last house on the block" because it is often the man's last chance before he becomes homeless.



The Wheelhouse is not supported by any government agency or other charitable organization such as The United Way. Funding is supplied by corporate and individual donations and several local fundraising events. Businesses and individuals in the community also supply food, linens, clothing, used furniture and other household items. For more information or to learn how you can donate please visit their website at <http://thewheelhouseinc.com>.

## “Education in Action”

photo courtesy of Rhonda Richardson

This week we received a very nice letter from Education in Action's, Ms. Rhonda Richardson LSLA Programs Director. Ms. Richardson is quoted *“Hello Barbara and everyone at the Battleship TEXAS. During the past summer, 1,144 young leaders from across Texas traveled with Education in Action's Lone Star Leadership Academy camps! We appreciate what you do to help make their visits with you enjoyable and look forward to working with you again next year. Please pass along to those who helped out with our visits also. Thank you again! Rhonda.”*

Education in Action is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to empowering young people to be informed and active leaders in their communities. These wonderful group of directors and young leaders have been visiting the Battleship TEXAS yearly since 2004 and we have sincerely enjoyed having them here year after year and we look forward to next year.



# SCUTTLEBUTT...

## “Own a Piece of History”

photos and story line courtesy of Bruce Bramlett (BTF Director)

Officially known as USS Texas (BB35), Battleship Texas and her crew fought some of the most significant battles of both World Wars. Commissioned on March 12, 1914, she was the most powerful weapon in the world. A complex product of an industrial nation emerging as a force in global events. In 1916, USS Texas became the first U.S battleship to mount anti-aircraft guns and to be fitted with early computers for firing accuracy. From laying mine barrages to preventing enemy vessels deploying blockades to firing on Nazi defenses at Normandy on D-Day, the USS Texas for many years was the flagship of the U.S Fleet, and she ultimately carried victorious soldiers home from across the Pacific after the war.

Would you like to own a piece of true Texas History? Well here's your chance. The Battleship TEXAS Foundation (BTF) is selling an original piece of steel from the TEXAS removed during the repairs that were done on her in 2014. And if that wasn't exciting enough in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1914 Battleship TEXAS Commissioning, the BTF has partnered with Colt's Manufacturing Company to produce a commemorative model of the original .45 caliber sidearm issued to USS TEXAS in 1911. The commemorative sidearm was designed by the Colt Manufacturing Company in partnership with the Battleship TEXAS Foundation. Colt began producing quality firearms in 1836, the same year the State of Texas won its independence.

The gun is crafted with rosewood grips and feature silver and gold engraved etchings of the 1914 USS TEXAS, the upgraded 1927 USS TEXAS, the Star of Texas and the Mighty T ship logo in its design. Serial numbers will be released in tandem with order placement.

The cost for the steel plate is \$1000.00 and the sidearm is selling for \$1,899.00. Orders are currently being accepted and prices will be in effect on all orders placed on or before December 31, 2016. Orders are tax exempt due to the Foundation's 501c3 status. This partnership enables ship supporters to own a piece of history and help fund the Battleship TEXAS Battleship Foundation's efforts.

The order process will close when we run out of Colts. Payment is due when order is placed. The BTF will contact buyers directly to coordinate pick up. Payment may be made in cash, check, or credit card. Credit card processing fees will apply (\$50.00). Please contact Bruce Bramlett at the Battleship TEXAS Foundation at [bruce@battleshiptexas.org](mailto:bruce@battleshiptexas.org) with any questions you may have or you can reach him at (713)827-9620 or (281)300-5563.





# SCUTTLEBUTT II...

## “Hello’s & Good-Byes”

photos by Barbara Graf

There are a lot of “hello’s” and “good-bye’s” this week from San Jacinto. Let’s start with our warmest and sincerest good-bye greetings to our two summer interns that were hired to work with our interpretive staff, Annasheril Santos and Travis Cogswell.

Annasheril originally from Columbus Ohio, but calls Houston home now is married to her wonderful husband Ron and they have three cats, Piper, Percy, and Bacarat. Anna graduated from Fort Hayes Performing & Visual Arts High School in Ohio and attended Roberts Westland College in Rochester New York. She has spent the last eight years at the Houston Zoo, working with animals as a Training and Behavioral Specialist.



Annasheril Santos

Travis hails from Dallas Texas but calls Kemah home which he shares with his foster dog, Keds. He is engaged to be married to his beautiful fiancé Meagan. Graduating from North Mesquite High School and then continuing his education at Texas A&M, Travis has spent the last fifteen years as a Computer Programmer for Cogswell Associates. Good luck to both of these fine interns and we hope you’re successful in all your new endeavors.



Travis Cogswell

Last but not least we say good-bye to former park police officer turned park host Craig VanBaarle. Craig retired in October of last year with 40 years at Texas Parks and Wildlife, 31 of those spent as a State Park Police Officer. After he left San Jacinto he decided he wanted to spend his new found free time park hosting in state parks all across Texas. He started with Huntsville State Park where he has spent the last 7 months, arrived at San Jacinto during the summer and now he’s off to Brazos Bend State Park, then in the December he moves on to Garner State Park. Happy trails!!

Our “hello’s” start with one retired TPWD employee and his wife Jerry and Carole Miller, one long time friends and volunteers Jim and Jan Moon and two newbie couples to San Jacinto to park host Bud and Becky VanCura and Troy Hord and his companion Barb Buffa.

Originally from West Chester, Pennsylvania, Gerry started his career with Texas Parks & Wildlife (TPW) May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as a seasonal Maintenance Assistant aboard the Battleship TEXAS, then became a full time employee in November of 2011 as a Maintenance Specialist III. After graduation he spent four years in the United States Navy from 1968-1972. After his stint with the Navy, Jerry spent over fourteen years working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a Correctional Officer and Unit Plumber at the Central Unit in Sugar Land until his retirement in 2009.



Craig VanBaarle

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Carole is retired from Hess Corp where she worked in employee relations. Jerry and Carole have 3 sons, 1 daughter and 4 granddaughters. Jerry enjoys fishing, kayaking and photography while Carol enjoys reading and crocheting. Jerry and Carole have three sons, one daughter and four granddaughters and enjoy fishing, traveling, hiking, photography, square dancing and most importantly spending time with their family.

The Moon's are one of our long time volunteers. They have been park hosting at San Jacinto for more than 8 years now and usually come twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Jim is retired after spending 35 years with the Port of Houston Police department and Jan is a retired medical secretary. They call Houston home and have 2 grandchildren. In his spare time, Jim enjoys fishing and traveling. Jan enjoys reading, art, and travel. We are happy to announce that Jim's back surgery was a wonderful success and he is back up and running and we are so very thankful that his recover went well.



Jerry & Carole Miller



Jim & Jan Moon



Bud & Becky VanCura



Troy Hord & Barb Buffa

This is the VanCura's first stint as park host at San Jacinto and we extend them warm welcomes. Bud is originally from Chicago, Illinois while Becky is from Phoenix Arizona, but they both call home now in Walla Walla Washington. Bud has a degree in History and business and Becky spent several years as a bank teller, Manager of a major men's clothing store and food service for home town high school. Bud enjoys woodworking while Becky enjoys traveling, visiting old homes, meeting new people. They have 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Our last Texas howdy is sent out to Troy & Barb. Troy originally from Florida and Barb from Arizona, they now call home in Pensacola Florida. Troy served in Vietnam where he served on a WWII Era destroyer. After Vietnam he went on to become a Marine Engineer in several shipyards, general contractor in Florida, operated a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation conservation education center and spent 25 years as an alligator management volunteer to boot. Barb retired after 47 years with the banking and auditing profession. He enjoys exploring the US, especially the back country sharing his knowledge of birds of prey, reptiles and history. Barb enjoys traveling, reading, and most especially spoiling their 8 grandchildren. Welcome aboard to all, we are glad you are here.

## This Day in Texas History

**Aug 9** William B. Travis (Texas commander at the Battle of the Alamo) is born in South Carolina in 1809.

**Aug 12** The first child born in the Governor's Mansion is Temple Houston in 1860.

**Aug 14** The 1<sup>st</sup> leg of the Gulf Freeway connecting Houston & Galveston is dedicated in 1952.

**Aug 15** President Houston calls out the militia to put down the Regulator-Moderator War in 1844.

**Aug 16** Mirabeau B. Lamar (Second President of Texas) was born in Georgia on this day in 1798.

**Aug 17** Davy Crockett (fallen hero at the Alamo) is born in Tennessee in 1786.

**Sep 2** Anson Jones is elected as the last President of the Republic of Texas in 1844.

**Sep 4** The first recorded hurricane strikes the Texas coast in 1766.

**Sep 9** Colonel Benjamin Terry (first colonel of the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas cavalry) organizes his "Texas Rangers" in 1861.

**Sep 10** Hurricane Carla strikes the upper Texas coast in 1961.

**Sep 11** The worst terrorist attack in the history of the US hits twin towers in NY in 2001.

**Sep 20** A giant hurricane named Beulah hits the coast around Brownsville, TX with winds of 136 mph in 1967.

**Sep 30** Jim Bowie (fallen hero at the Alamo) becomes a Mexican citizen in 1830.

**Sep 30** Ceremony dedicating National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark to San Jacinto Monument in 1992.

**Oct 2** The first shots of the Texas Revolution are fired at Gonzales in 1835.

**Oct 3** Lorenzo de Zavala, first Vice-President of the Republic of Texas was born in 1789.

**Oct 9** The first offensive action of the Texas Revolution occurred in Goliad, Texas in 1835.

## **October Has Been Declared National Bullying Awareness Month** Quote of the Week

**Harvey Forbes Fierstein** (June 6, 1954)

An American actor, playwright, and voice actor. He was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame in 2007.



Quote: *Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself.*

## Upcoming Events

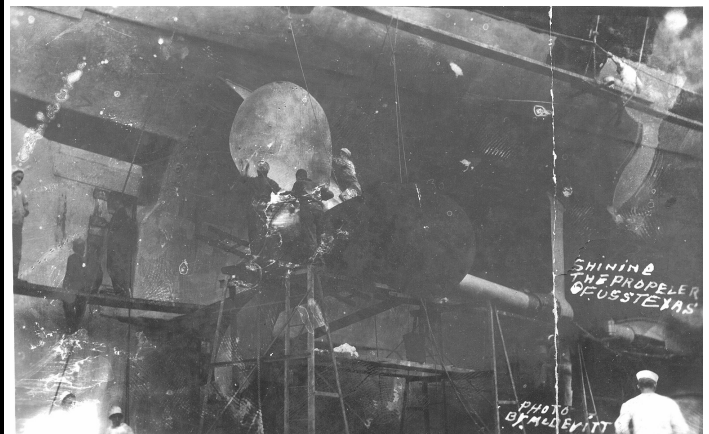
**Nov 12** Veterans Day Event aboard the TEXAS

**Nov 12** 1945 Victory Dance (after hrs.) TEXAS

**Nov 19** Hard Hat tour aboard the TEXAS

**Nov 25** Thanksgiving (Park & Ship closed)

## Picture from the Past



Shining the propeller on the TEXAS



# PARTING SHOT

## “Fall for State Parks”

No matter who you are, what you like to do or where you live in Texas — you’ll find something wonderful going on at a Texas State Park this fall. From haunted hikes and pumpkin carving contests to autumn festivals. Listed below are just a few of the events happening around the Gulf Coast Regional State Parks along with one former State Park that is now under the operation of the Texas Historical Commission, (THC) Varner-Hogg Plantation. For more information you can also download a copy of our [Fall for Parks brochure](#) (available as a PDF) for more fall event listings and visit THC website at <http://www.thc.texas.gov>.



### **“San Jacinto Jack-o'-lanterns” – San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site** **1:00pm to 3:00pm – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Join us at the San Jacinto Battleground and learn about the history of the jack-o'-lantern and make your own spooky pumpkin to take home and scare your friends with. Please meet the rangers at the picnic area next to the battleship parking lot. The paints and paintbrushes will be supplied by the park. We have a limited supply of pie pumpkins and would recommend that you bring your own pumpkin if you have one. This is a free family-friendly event. Anyone, regardless of age, is welcome to join us. If bad weather occurs the program will be cancelled.

### **“Ghost Hike and Mermaid Tales” – Galveston Island State Park** **5:30pm to 6:30pm - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Come join Ranger Lisa and explore the park at night from our Beach Day Use area. We'll be talking about myths, legends, and stories of

Galveston Island's Native Americans, pirates, and explorers while we walk the beach. Restrooms available, pets welcome on leash. Shells and other treasures can be collected.



### **“An Eerie Evening” – Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site** **5:00pm to 8:00pm – Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a spooky nighttime stroll through the woods to the plantation’s 1840s era Patton Family Cemetery and learn about mortality on the plantation during the 1800s and the dangers of the early Texas wilderness. Then, step into the plantation house for a candlelit look at the death of the site’s last owner, Governor James S. Hogg, and the effect it had on his family, as well as his plantation. Each tour is \$4 or \$6 for both. Limited tickets go on sale October 1<sup>st</sup> and must be purchased in advance. Please call for availability.



### **“Sea Center Spooktacular!” Sea Center Texas -** **1:00p to 3:00p – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>**

Children and adults are encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume and participate in craft activities, face painting, games, picture-taking in our creepy photo booth and trick-or-treating throughout the visitor center. The kids' costume contest begins at 1:30 p.m. Compete for the title of scariest, cutest or best overall costume! Winners will receive a trophy and various prizes. Local businesses are invited to donate candy for the event. Admission is free; there will be a \$5 fee to participate in craft activities.

