



# THE BATTLE REPORT

San Jacinto Battleground/Battleship TEXAS State Historic Site

*"The purpose of this newsletter is to communicate the site's day-to-day natural and cultural resource management activities. Our goal is to inform and educate our staff, partners, and friends – and those we have yet to meet – Welcome!"*



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## Ribbon Cutting for new Viewing Platform

Photos by Barbara Graf



A gathering of representatives from Shell, TPWD, Ducks Unlimited, and Friends of San Jacinto Battleground officials participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new viewing platform in the San Jacinto Marsh. Representing Shell were Mary Margaret Hamilton and David McKinney. Representing Ducks Unlimited was Jason Vickery. Representing the Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground was Jan DeVault. Representing

TPWD were Jerome Bartel, Andy Sipocz, Tim Reeves, Scott Triebes, Russ

Kuykendall, and Ken Grubb. The project was funded by a grant from Shell and facilitated by the Friends of the San Jacinto



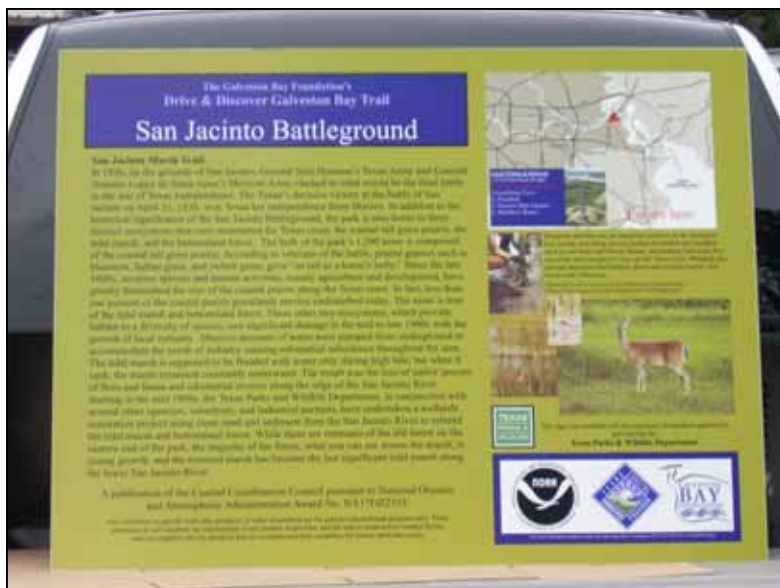
# Reveille



## Passing of a TEXAS Veteran

Photo by Fred Winter Jr.

The Battleship TEXAS crew got a little smaller on September 5th. TEXAS Veteran Fred Winter, who served as a 1st Lieutenant in charge of Number 2 turret during World War II, passed away in his home town of Grand Rapids Michigan. During his last visit to the TEXAS, although in frail health, Mr. Winter was determined to see the bridge one last time. We has 88.



## New Interpretive Panels arrive

Photo by Barbara Graf

New interpretive panels sponsored by the Galveston Bay Foundation were delivered to the park on Sept. 6. These signs will be installed throughout the park, as a part of the “Drive & Discover” Galveston Bay Trail.

# Scuttlebutt

## *Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground Board Meeting announced*

The Board of the Friends of the San Jacinto Battleground Association will have their next meeting at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, September 25 at the Houston Club, 811 Rusk.



## *More Pictures from Aft Steering*

Photo by George Templin

Restoration work was done on some 18" beams leading down to the keel, as the Aft Restoration project wraps up this week. We should have some final pictures of the completed project next week.

# Meet the Staff

## *Park Store Clerk Linda West*

Whether it's giving an orientation to a groups of visiting students or finding a T-shirt with our favorite ship on the front, Linda can do it all. Linda has been with TPWD for the past 5 years. She is the mother of 3 and the grandmother of 5. When she's not hard at work, Linda enjoys cooking and dancing. So, the next time you visit the ship or need that USS TEXAS hat for Christmas, Linda's there with a smile.



## Ship's Store Showcase



*Keep your Drink  
Ship Shape!*

*Navy Koozie*

**\$4.99**

# On the Horizon



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 21 - La Porte Fall Back Festival.  
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Sept. 22 - Law Enforcement Day at  
Greenspoint Mall. 10:00am - 3:00pm

Sept. 22 - La Porte Fall Back Festival.  
4:00pm - 11:00pm

Sept. 29 - National Public Lands Day

## This Week in History

### Sept. 3

1609 - Henry Hudson discovered the island of Manhattan

1934 - Renowned Blues guitarist  
“Freddie King” was born in Gilmer, Texas

### Sept. 4

1766 - The first recorded hurricane strikes the Texas coast

1928 - BB-35 leaves New York Navy Yard

### Sept. 5

1898 - Emma Seelye, the woman spy of the Confederacy, dies at La Porte, Texas

1922 - BB-35 arrives at San Francisco, CA

### Sept. 6

1893 - Gen. Claire Chennault, founder of the WWII “Flying Tiger” was born in Commerce, Texas

### Sept. 7

1863 - Federal gunboats arrive off the bar at Sabine Pass where Dick Dowling and his men are waiting

1918 - British Admiral Lord Jellicoe visits BB-35

### Sept. 8

1900 - Hurricane strikes Galveston, Texas with 125 mph winds, & a 15 foot storm surge killing 8,000

### Sept. 9

1861 - Colonel Benjamin Terry (first colonel of the 8<sup>th</sup> Texas cavalry) organizes his “Texas Rangers”

## **Words of Wisdom**

“Wisdom doesn’t automatically come with old age. Nothing does - except wrinkles. It’s true that some wines improve with age. But only if the grapes were good in the first place.”

- Abigail Van Buren  
(Dear Abby)



# Parting Shot



## *Thinking Safety!*

Photo by Barbara Graf

San Jacinto Park Interpreter Tim Reeves and Ranger Barbara Graf participated in the 2007 La Porte Safety Fair on Sept. 8th. Kids from La Porte and the surrounding communities spent the day learning everything from CPR to bicycle safety. This is an annual fair put on the La Porte Emergency Planning Committee.

