

Texas Admirals explained

Admiral Dwight Albert (D. A.) Sharpe

By the way, I do not want you misled. Being an an Admiral in the Texas Navy is an honorary status, commissioned by the Governor, usually upon recommendation by a State Representative or Senator. Its purpose is to propagate historical knowledge about the Texas Navy, which played a role in the Revolution of Texans from Mexico, that resulted in the Republic of Texas being formed as a sovereign nation. The Republic of Texas existed from March 2, 1836 to February 19, 1846, upon final vote by the U.S. Congress to validate the annexation processes. *(A running local humor joke is that some Texas citizens thought it was supposed to be Texas annexing the United States!)*



Not all people so honored go any further than the commissioning. However, all who are commissioned are welcomed to join the [Texas Navy Association](#), which

does have an organized program of education and socialization. There has been a movement to start some sub-groups of the TNA. These are called Squadrons of the Texas Navy Association. The first one was the Admiral Chester W. Nimitz Squadron of the Texas Navy, which essentially composed of TNA Admirals residing in North Texas. It was my honor to be



among the organizing Admirals for this first Squadron. These are the people who were primarily involved in the USS Fort Worth events. There are six or eight now existing and more on the horizon.

In the vein of promoting Texas History, the Texas Navy Association has a Speakers Bureau from which local civic, genealogical and historical organizations may request a guest speaker.

It was my honor to be Commissioned by Gov. Rick Perry (who is the only person ever elected as Governor of Texas THREE times, and currently is the U. S. Secretary of Energy in the President's Cabinet). My Commission was presented upon the recognizing event of my retirement after 22 years of administrative service as Executive Administrator to the Senior Pastor of the

Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, in August of 2004. My State Senator, Craig Estes, nominated me. He's a resident of Wichita Falls and a graduate of ORU.



My wife, *Suzanne Margaret Boggess Sharpe*, was Commissioned in March 2013 by Governor Greg Abbott. She had completed serving as President of the Wise (County) Republican Women, as well as several other political elective

positions, such as county and state conventions.

Back in my military age days, I made active efforts to join the Navy to become a fighter pilot. I even passed the entrance test for academic qualification for the flight school. However, their discovery that I'd been treated by a physician for asthma at age 15 resulted in my 4F classification and denial of any military service opportunity. So, I have a love and admiration for the military, but my only military experience is my high

school ROTC time over at Woodrow Wilson High School over in Dallas, class of 1957!

I hope this does not lower me in your esteem, but I did want you to know the situation. By the way, the members of the TNA are Admirals. I guess you could call it a pier group or is it a peer group? Ha Ha.



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Here are the Commissions of Suzanne and of me.

