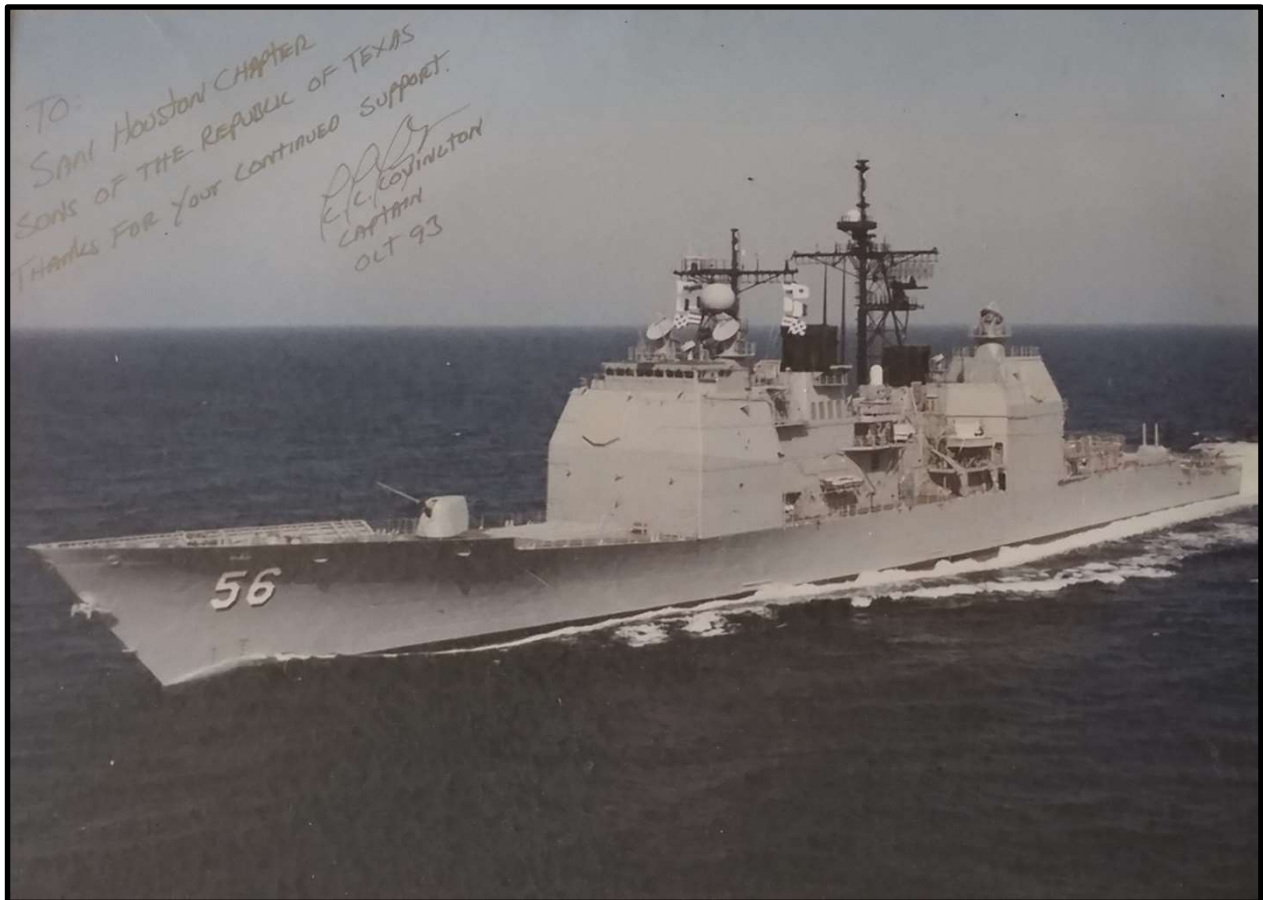




Sam Houston Chapter's *Bobby R. Smith* U.S.S. *San Jacinto* Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award



The U.S.S. *San Jacinto* has a long and storied history with the United States Navy. The current registry is the third ship to bear the name and each generation of ship has lived up to the significance of its name. The first U.S.S. *San Jacinto* was an early Frigate launched in 1850, while the second was an Independence-Class Aircraft Carrier (CVL-30), named in 1943, that served in the Pacific campaigns of World War II. The third and current ship, CG-56, is a Ticonderoga-Class Cruiser that was commissioned in 1988.

The Sam Houston Chapter recognizes two sailors aboard the U.S.S. *San Jacinto* annually via the *Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award*, which was initiated by former Chapter Presidents B. Rice Aston, Walter Nass, and others in 1989. One sailor is selected for the *Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award*, while the runner-up is also celebrated. The sailor's names are typically acknowledged during the Texian Navy Day festivities each September onboard the U.S.S. *Texas* in La Porte, Texas. In 2019, through an approved motion, this award was renamed the Bobby R. Smith USS *San Jacinto* Enlisted Sailor of the Year Award after two-time Past Chapter President Bobby R. Smith of Houston, Texas.



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Year	Sailor's Name ¹ and Rank
2022	Eric Montejo <i>Gas Turbines System Mechanic Third Class</i>
	Damon Tolbert <i>Machinist Mate Second Class</i>
2021	Danielle Bordine <i>Boatswains Mate Third Class</i>
	Steve Hagivretas <i>Hospital Corpsman Second Class</i>
2020	Frederick S. Fortin <i>Logistics Specialist First Class</i>
	Rodolfo H. Urquizu <i>Gunner's Mate Second Class</i>
2019	Carlos A. Dobbins II <i>Operations Specialist First Class</i>
	Karohn Walton <i>Damage Controlman Second Class</i>
2018	Brad S. McKay <i>Interior Communications Electrician First Class</i>
	Ferdinand L. Sabas, Jr. <i>Culinary Specialist Second Class</i>
2017	Enver L. SibiliaMartinez <i>Machinist's Mate First Class</i>
	Timothy J. Daly <i>Fire Controlman Second Class</i>
2016	Adam C. Jerasa <i>Petty Officer First Class</i>
	Karl Sliver <i>Petty Officer Second Class</i>
2015	Cherise T. Chase <i>Boatswain's Mate Chief</i>
	Keaton R. Bragan <i>Information System Technician First Class</i>



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Year	Sailor's Name ¹ and Rank
2014	Brian D. Drenning <i>Quartermaster First Class Petty Officer</i>
	Anthony Chrispen <i>Machinist Mate Second Class Petty Officer</i>
2013	Aaron Duffy <i>Logistics Specialist Third Class Petty Officer</i>
	Christopher R. Tejedor <i>Gas Turbine System Tech. Chief Petty Officer</i>
2012	Tyler Gregory <i>Petty Officer Third Class</i>
	David Copeland <i>Senior Chief</i>
2011	Tarleter "Tee" Reed <i>Chief/Master at Arms</i>
	David Bemish <i>Fire Controlman First Class</i>
2010	
2009	Brett A. Tabor <i>Electronics Technician Petty Officer First Class</i>
2008	
2007	
2006	Steven Hoak <i>Petty Officer</i>
	Steven Bowes <i>Chief Petty Officer</i>
2005	
2004	
2003	



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Year	Sailor's Name ¹ and Rank
2002	James R. Smith <i>Cryptology Collection Technician First Class</i>
2001	Michael James Rivera <i>Boatswain's Mate First Class</i> Bababowole O. Fabunmi <i>Logistics Specialist Second Class</i>
2000	Andrew J. Moore <i>Electronics Technician Second Class</i> Frederic L. Alston <i>Fire Controlman First Class</i>
1999	Brian Michael Thompson <i>Operations Specialist First Class</i>
1998	Mark A. Bilyeu <i>Logistics Specialist Second Class</i>
1997	Mark A. Bilyeu <i>ICO SK1(SW)</i> David M. Lemons <i>ICO FC2 (SW)</i>
1996	Richard V. Lute <i>Petty Officer IC1 (SW)</i>
1995	Andrew G. Kremer <i>Fire Controlman Second Class</i>

¹**Bolded** name is the winner, while the second name is the runner-up; both were selected by their ship mates