

**Dedication and Reception Honoring the Confederate Naval Works Texas
Historical Marker on Goose Creek on Saturday, March 29 at 2 pm**

Mr. Patrick Van Pelt, chairman of the Harris County Historical Commission, announces the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker for the Confederate Naval Works on Goose Creek, to be held at 2 pm on Saturday, March 29, at Baytown's Bayland Park. The Baytown Historical Preservation Association, sponsor for the dedication program, plans a reception immediately following according to the president, Ms. Wybra Holland.

All descendants of the Naval Shipyard workers, Bayland guards, Chubb family, Ashbel Smith family or Bayland Orphanage will be recognized during the dedication. Please contact Trevia Wooster Beverly of the Harris County Historical Commission at treviawooster@comcast.net or telephone 713-864-6862 to add your list of names to be recognized. We would also like the honor of your presence in our VIP section during the event.

There will be Civil War honor guards and living history activities during the event for all ages. Any re-enactors or volunteers interested in participation at the event are encouraged to contact Andy Spears, Vice president of the Baytown Historical Preservation Association at andy Spears@classicnet.net or telephone 281-421-2099 and leave message for return call.

We look forward to seeing you at Baytown's Bayland Park March 29th for the dedication!

[Bayland Park](#)
[2641 South Highway 146](#)
[Baytown, Texas 77520](#)

Details on the Marker:

Marker Number:13964 Marker Title: Confederate Naval Works at Goose Creek
Index Entry: Confederate Naval Works at Goose Creek Address:26415 SH 146
City: Baytown County: Harris UTM Zone:15 UTM Easting:308246 UTM
Northing:3290977 Subject Codes: CV, ML Year Marker Erected:2007
Designations: na Marker Location: Marker Size:27" x 42" Repairs Completed:
Marker Text: In 1854, brothers Thomas and John Chubb bought land in the William Scott League on the east bank of Goose Creek at the mouth of Tabbs Bay. On this site, they established the Chubb Shipyard prior to the Civil War. At the time, Texas shipbuilding was a developing industry. During the war, however, in an effort to compensate for the Union's industrial advantage, the Confederate government encouraged Texans to engage in manufacturing ventures that would aid its military effort. The Chubb brothers responded to this call with the Confederate Naval Works at Goose Creek, which built and repaired vessels during the war. Thomas Chubb also served in the Texas Marine Department, an element of the Confederate States Army operating independently of the Confederate Navy. He obtained the rank of Captain and later became superintendent of the Confederate Naval Works. The design and structure of ships built at the Goose Creek shipyard were integral to the Department's effectiveness in running the Union blockade. The shallow draft of the centerboard schooners made them suitable for blockade running in shallow areas of the Gulf of Mexico, where deep draft vessels could not pass. These successful ships included the Royal Yacht, Bagdad, Phoebe, Henrietta, Marguereta and Altha Brooks. An important contributor to the Texas naval and industrial effort during the Civil War, the Goose Creek shipyard later built ships for the federal government and private mariners until Thomas Chubb left the business in 1869. The following year, the Thomas B. Gaillard family purchased the former shipyard and established Gaillard's Landing. Later, the site became part of the Goose Creek oil fields. (2007)

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