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## **Mine warfare Sailor reenlists on board former mine warfare vessel**

A local Sailor who teaches at Mine Warfare Training Center (Mineman "C" school) in Ingleside, Texas, reenlisted aboard a decommissioned mine warfare vessel on Saturday, August 21, on Pier 25, in downtown Corpus Christi, Texas.

Petty Officer First Class Chris A. Jones reenlisted aboard the refurbished vessel RELIANCE. Jones, a Fort Worth native has more than 14 years U.S. Naval service and is looking forward to four more years. He has accepted orders to USS DONALD COOK (DDG 75) in Norfolk, Va.

How did Jones learn about RELIANCE? His sister and brother-in-law, who reside in Ingleside, asked him to help with the boat's lines this past holiday season when it took part in the annual Lighted Boat Christmas Parade.

RELIANCE is 81 feet long, has a wood hull and aluminum superstructure, and displaces 66 tons with a full load. As part of the U.S. naval fleet, it had a crew of two officers and eight enlisted. It was initially used to train cadets at the Naval Academy and then later had a mine warfare mission. It served during Korea and Vietnam and is considered a memorial because a Sailor died on board.

Captain Roy Smith now owns the boat. It is part of the U.S. Power Squadron, a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to making boating safer and more enjoyable by teaching classes in seamanship, navigation and related subjects.

Lt. Cmdr. Tina Athans, the reenlisting officer, is the "A" School director at the Mine Warfare Training Center.