

U.S.S. HOUSTON MONUMENT

Title: U.S.S. Houston Monument

Artist: Jeff Ryan

Date: 1998

Type: Monument

Medium: Granite

Location: Sam Houston Park



The U.S.S. Houston Monument incorporates the brass ship's bell recovered from the wreck of the U.S.S. Houston, which has been placed atop a granite pedestal. It is the scene of an annual commemoration of the sailors who died in the sinking of the [Houston](#) in the Sunda Strait, March 1, 1942, by the Japanese Navy. Of the 1,068 men on board, 700 died, and the survivors were used as slave labor on the Burma Railroad. Many died before being liberated by the Allies in 1945. The names of the ship's crew are written on the pedestal.

The monument is the work of Jeff Ryan, and has been a part of [Sam Houston Park](#) since 1998.

As part of Navy Week, October 2012, Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Two Eight, under the direction of Lt. E.R. Weatherall, performed a total restoration project of the U.S.S. Houston Monument at Sam Houston Park. They remodeled the plaza behind the Heritage Society and built sidewalks connecting the U.S.S. Houston Monument to the existing walkway in front of the Nichols-Rice-Cherry House. Thank you to all the U.S. Navy Seabees

