

**FORMER KHOU-TV NEWS ANCHOR, STEVE SMITH,
TO LEAD CRUISE TERMINAL REDEDICATION**

Galveston, Texas...September 13, 2000...Steve Smith, former news anchor for KHOU-TV, Channel 11 in Houston, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the rededication of The Texas Cruise Ship Terminal on Galveston Island.

The festivities will be held on Wednesday, September 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cruise Ship Terminal located at Pier 25.

Karen Lai, Chaplain of the Galveston Seaman's Center, will offer the invocation. Maureen Patton, Executive Director of The Grand 1894 Opera House, will perform the National Anthem with accompaniment by the Ball High School Choir and Band

Speakers for the event include the Mayor of Galveston, the Honorable Roger R. Quiroga; Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Galveston Wharves, Recy L. Dunn; Carnival Cruise Lines Vice President of Cruise Operations, Roger Blum; and Port Director, Katherine D. O'Neal.

The rededication will denote the \$10.6 million renovation project at Piers 23 through 26, built in 1927 while waterfront facilities were privately owned by The Galveston Wharf Company.

Sometimes referred to as the Mallory Dock, the multi-functional facility served as a destination for luxury liners traveling from New York to Galveston twice weekly on the Mallory Lines. Through the years the warehouse was used for both general cargo and cruise passengers.

Between 1989 and 1990 the Port of Galveston renovated the warehouse at Pier 25 to accommodate cruise ships, and on March 14, 1990 Galveston's Cruise Ship Terminal was dedicated. The \$2 million facility was designed by Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan, Inc. of Miami, Florida in association with the Rapp Partners of Galveston and built by Tellepsen Construction of Houston. Several Cruise Ship Committees worked on the selection, construction, and promotion process during 1989 and 1990 to support the port's efforts to build the original terminal.

The Pier 25 Cruise Ship Terminal was the first permanent port facility in Galveston's history built to specifically handle people rather than cargoes. For several years, the terminal was the winter home to Sun Lines' *Stella Solaris* as well as for numerous port-of-call visits from several major cruise lines.

The Texas Cruise Ship Terminal on Galveston Island will be rededicated on September 27, 2000. Gee & Jenson, Engineers-Architects-Planners, Inc. of Palm Beach Florida designed the \$10.6 million renovation and refurbishment. J. W. Kelso Company, Inc. of Galveston, Texas implemented the construction phase of the project. Various community and business leaders on the 1999-2000 Cruise Ship Committee provided cooperation and support for the renovation process.

The Mayor and Galveston City Council, the Park Board of Trustees and a group of Galveston business leaders joined the Port's efforts to develop cruise business and attract additional visitors to Galveston Island. The group included George P. Mitchell interests, Tilman Fertitta, Marion Duzich and Moody interests.

The terminal will be a striking intermingling of the old, historic and the new, modern. The outside of the building will reflect a unique blending of neo-classical design features with the existing historic façade reflecting the design and style of architecture of the 1920's when luxury liners sailed from Galveston Island.

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