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January &  
February 2014

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 21-22 Lone Star Region Meeting,  
Lighthouse Inn, Rockport
- Mar 29-30 Blue Angels, NAS Kingsville
- Apr 03 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**  
Officer/Director's Meeting, 1130,  
Allegro Bay Restaurant (formerly  
Hemingway's).
- Apr 15 IRS Taxes due ☹️
- Apr 25 16<sup>th</sup> Annual **INGLESIDE AREA**  
**COUNCIL** Junior  
Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the  
Year (see attached flier).

**ALL Officer/Director Meetings are OPEN to Council members!** We appreciate your inputs on how to make our Council more efficient and fun. Our only request is to please tell Bull Walker [361-463-1201 or [dustybulltx@gmail.com](mailto:dustybulltx@gmail.com)] in advance that you will be attending. We want to ensure we have ample space.

Welcome Aboard - no new members this period.

Renewed: Vickie ABEGO (15 years)

Thank you for your continued support!!



## Happy 2014.

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable New Years! It has been quite the winter, not too bad for us when compared to those in the upper Mid-West and Northeast! Boy have they been slammed!

I had the honor of officiating San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy NJROTC Annual Military Inspection late last month. The cadet's uniforms were outstanding, their attitudes positive, all drills were performed precisely, the work spaces were neat and well organized, and staff presentations were professional. What a fun day.

We have our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year BBQ next month (please see the attached flier for more information). Please put the date (April 25) on your calendar and plan on attending.

Our primary means of communication is electronically through this newsletter, fliers, and email. If you would like me to include you in our email listing, please include your address (mine is [dustybulltx@gmail.com](mailto:dustybulltx@gmail.com)). We treat all addresses with the utmost confidentiality.

Our updated website is up and running ([www.navyleagueingleside.org](http://www.navyleagueingleside.org)), I hope you enjoy the new format! This site also contains many of our past newsletters. If you have any comments, forward them to me, thank you.

Our Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps have been busy. Please take a moment to read their articles: Thank you **Captain Jeff Carlson** (Rockport-Fulton High School) and **Lieutenant Rolando Gonzalez** (San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy).

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**2013**  
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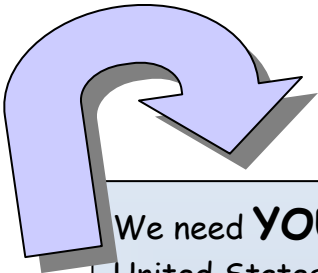
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We need **YOU** as a citizen in support of the Sea Services (United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine).

#### Who is the **Navy League**?

- It is a community service organization with over **45,000** members worldwide, and **250** councils (chapters) conducting activities in local communities.
- Theodore Roosevelt promoted the founding of the Navy League in 1902, which was supported by the civilian and business communities - the condition that continues today.
- **AND everyone is eligible to be a member, we are all civilians.**

#### Mission and Goals:

- To educate national leaders and the nation in the necessity of a strong Maritime Service.
- Support the men and women of the *Sea Services*.
- Provide assistance to *Sea Service* families.
- Support youth programs.

#### Did you know?

- The US Navy has approximately the same number of ships today as **BEFORE** World War I. A serious decline that began in the 1990s and continues today due to insufficient funding.
- **95%** of world-wide trade is now transported by sea.
- The deterrent value of a strong Navy and Coast Guard and the need to protect the commercial sea lanes and maritime borders are necessary for our nation's continued vitality and strength.

**America's security and economic interests extend to every region of the globe.**

If you would be interested in supporting the United States Sea Services please give us a call or drop us a note. A membership application is on the next page.

Please pass this newsletter to a friend and ask them to join us.

**Thank you!**

## **MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:**

(Years as Member/Anniversary Date of Renewal)

These are the dates your membership will expire. We continue to support the Coastal Bend Military Service personnel (Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and U.S Flag Merchant Marine) and our South Texas JROTCs. We need your continued support!

**Jackie & Jeff CARLSON** (4 years, 03/31/14), **Tom DePUMA** (**10** years, 02/28/14), **Teri Ficken** (**12** years, 02/28/14), **Phyllis & John LIBERTI** (8 years, 03/31/14), **Jude A. POWELL** (7 years, 12/31/13), **Esther P. Williams** (**10** years, 04/30/14, and **Roger Wright** (9 years, 04/30/14).

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## **LIFE MEMBERS**

(Year became LIFE members)

Nancy **ALLEN** (1988), Nancy & Ken **BLEWETT** (2000), Karen **CERVENKA** (2009), John F. **CHAPMAN** (2003), Dr. Cecil A. **CHILDERS** (1985), Cecil A. **CHILDERS III** (1993), Gloria & Bob **CLINE** (2003), "Babe" **CROUCH** (1973), Alan **DEARDORFF** (2001), Bonnie **DEMMITT** (1997), Wilson C. **EDWARDS** (1988), Norman R. **FLEEMAN, Jr.** (1998), Reneatha D. **GOLMAN** (1989), Jeff **GORDON** (1995), Alan **GRELLING** (1975), Ernest L. **HAGNESS** (1999), Genie & Frank **HAMETNER** (1988), Judy & David **HAWLEY** (2002), Martha & Jim **ISBELL** (2000), Bill W. **JANECEK** (1997), Pamela H. & Ronald E. **JORGENSEN** (1996), Barbara & George **KAIN** (1992), Upinder **KAMAL** (2001), Felix P. **KEELEY** (1992), Cassy B. **KEY** (2001), Larry C. **KEY** (2001), Vickie L. & Paul W. **LOEFFLER** (1999), Josephine **MILLER** (1989), John **MILLER** (1989), William M. **MILLER** (2007), Steve **MOREHEAD** (2008), Peter B. **MORGAN** (1988), Bob **O'DONNELL** (1993), Christine M. **PENNING** (2003), Ron **PIFER** (2001), Billie N. & Clayton E. **POENISCH** (2000), Oralía & Felix C. **RAMIREZ** (1992), Jim A. **ROBINSON** (1986), Steve A. **STEPHENSON** (1999), Chela **STORM** (2000), Tina **TREADWAY** (1989), Diane & W. Aaron **TUCKER** (2002), Donna & William R. **VADEN** (1998), Marcia W. & Donald B. **WALKER** (1994), Elaine **WILLEFORD-KEMP** (1992), Suzy **WILLIAMS** (1973), Ronald R. **WOODRUFF** (2001), and Carl D. **WORKMAN** (2002).

**Total of 61!**

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards and BBQ

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- WHEN:** Friday, April 25, 2014, at noon.  
**WHERE:** Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, US Coast Guard Hangar #41.  
**WHAT:** This event highlights three outstanding Coast Guard personnel nominated by their parent commands from the District. Each is a superstar in their own right. Please come out and congratulate these fine young military people.

If you would like to attend please plan ahead. **DIRECTIONS:** Go to the NAS Corpus Christi's South Gate (off of SPID). At the gate you will be required to show your driver's license (all occupants in the vehicle must have a picture ID) and Navy League membership card. The guard will direct you to "Pass & Tag" adjacent to the gate. Inside you will be again required to show your driver's license, Navy League membership card, PLUS vehicle proof of insurance. They will give you a pass and provide directions to the Coast Guard Hangar.

This is always a fun event! We hope that you can join us!



If you would like to attend, please notify Bull in advance, so we can coordinate with Security.







**ORIENTEERING:** San Benito High School NJROTC Orienteering Teams travelled to Tulo-so-Midway High School in Corpus Christi, Texas to participate in the Annual Tulo-so-Midway Orienteering Meet. Fifteen teams from various High Schools including West Oso, Mary Carroll, Moody, Aransas Pass and Rockport-Fulton High School participated in the land navigation competition. **San Benito Team 2** finished "First Place" overall. **San Benito Team 3** finished "Second Place". **San Benito Team 1** finished a respectable "Sixth Place".



**ANNUAL MILITARY INSPECTION:** January and February was a busy month preparing for the NJROTC Annual Military Inspection. Despite, rain, gusty winds and 45-degree temperatures, 158 of the 160 Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets mustered on inspection day, and demonstrated their acquired skills and knowledge. Commander Bull Walker, the Guest Inspector was pleased with the Cadets

preparations and team performances. Overall, the Inspection was a great success.

**ANNUAL MILITARY BALL.** February was also spent on make preparations for the Military Ball. More to follow on the Ball on the next news letter.



The **Rockport-Fulton High School NJROTC** participated in two drill meets the past couple of months. The first was at Andy Dekaney High School in Houston on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> which we used as a tune-up for the State Championship. We came in 7<sup>th</sup> overall amongst 30 teams and even managed to take home a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy for Armed Exhibition Drill. We followed that meet up with our 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive trip to the Area 10 NJROTC State Championship at Texas A&M University in College Station where we managed to earn our largest number of awards ever. Although we came in a disappointing 10<sup>th</sup> overall amongst 17 teams, we did get a 2<sup>nd</sup> Place trophy for Armed Basic Drill and

a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place trophy for Unit Personnel Inspection, both of which we are very proud of. Additionally, one of our senior cadets, **Austin Bleiker**, earned an individual award receiving a 3<sup>rd</sup> Place medal for Top Armed Drill Team Commander in the State! Immediately following our trip to College Station we had another great Military Ball at the Rockport Country Club on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Over 125 cadets, parents, teachers and invited guests enjoyed a sit-down meal, announcement of Class Favorites, a Navy Cake, and a night of dancing. Our gentlemen cadets looked particularly sharp in their Service Dress Blue uniforms and our lady cadets were beautiful in evening gowns. It was a great event that everyone said was the highlight of their winter season. For those who managed to brave the extreme Arctic cold and attend the La Quinta Ship Channel Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony on February 7<sup>th</sup>, you would have noticed the **RFHS NJROTC** there in full force. Over 45 cadets attended and performed color guard duties, worked the beverage table and greeted guests at the entrance. Also our 2013 Navy League Youth Medal winner, **Cadet LCDR Leanna Grimes**, was on stage leading the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The cadets will once again be assisting the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary selling sodas and water at Oysterfest the second weekend of March. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year working the soda booth and the cadets always seem to have a lot of fun even when it gets really busy. Hopefully we'll see you at the festival. We continue our month of community service with the Taste of Rockport at Paws and Taws followed by a rewarding visit to NAS Kingsville for the Military Friends and Families Day at the Wings Over South Texas Air Show. The kids are really excited about the return of the Blue Angels to South Texas and the chance to see them up close at NAS Kingsville. We are very proud of the cadets this year with many already having chosen to enlist in the military following their graduation. We look forward to seeing our Navy League friends at our annual Awards Dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the RFHS cafeteria where we will introduce our future military members to all in attendance.

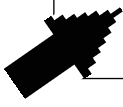
Jeff Carlson  
CAPT, USN (ret)  
Senior Instructor

**HELP US BUILD OUR NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP!** Use the form below or go to our website [www.navyleagueingleside.org](http://www.navyleagueingleside.org) and sign someone up. Either bring it and the person(s) to our next All-Hands function or **mail it to the address below**. This will ensure that the individual gets future newsletters as soon as possible.

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**THANKS YOU!!**

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