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July & August  
2013

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 02 Labor Day  
V-J Day (1945)
- Sep 05 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**  
Officer/Director's Meeting, 1130,  
Hemingway's, Rockport.
- Sep 11 Patriot's Day
- Sep 16 IRS Quarterly taxes due ☹
- Sep 18 USAF Birthday (1947)
- Sep 20 POW/MIA Day
- Oct 03 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**  
Officer/Director's Meeting, 1130,  
Hemingway's, Rockport.
- Oct 13 USN Birthday (1775)

## IMPORTANT:

- **CAPT "Nan" Honey** passes away; please see her obituary later in the newsletter. Memorial donations are welcome: **Hannibal Salvation Army Family Services**, 302 Broadway, Hannibal, MO 63401; **Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois**, PO Box 831, Belleville, IL 62222.

**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: **Harold W. ASHLEY, Thomas DeCUTLER, Elizabeth A. HIGGINS (3 yr renewal), and Migdalia & Dennis ROBERTS.**

Thank you for your continued support!!

President's Corner  
"Bull's Eye"



**2013  
Officers/Directors:**

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(National Director)

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(Secretary)

**Bill Janeczek**  
(Honorary Director)  
**Steve Morehead**

For those who may have missed the Corpus Christi Caller-Times obituary, **CAPT "Nan" Honey**, the first female Commanding Officer of Naval Station Ingleside, passed away June 20<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. I have included a modified obituary (I have changed some of the "newspaper obit" language, too impersonal) later in the newsletter. A memorial event was held concurrently in Rockport with the primary service at Nan's home in Illinois on July 13<sup>th</sup> (90 people attended the IL event). In attendance here were **CAPT "BT" Taylor** USN (ret), the last Commanding Officer of Naval Station Ingleside (NavSta), **CAPT Jerry Vernon** USN (ret), the architect and builder of NavSta Ingleside, and **CDR Steve Morehead** USN (ret), former NavSta Executive Officer, and local friends. At 6:45PM that evening everyone (Rockport and Illinois) toasted Nan.

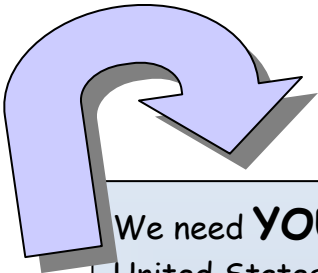
Coast Guard news: On June 28<sup>th</sup> United States Coast Guard Cutter BRANT (WPB 87348) held a change-of-command in which **Master Chief Boatswain's Mate (BMCM) John Buchanan** was relieved by **BMCM Bryan Hulse**. Master Chief Buchanan is remaining in South Texas.

The Navy League has restructured its membership levels and dues. Of note the Husband/Wife Life Membership category was eliminated (now it is based on the age of the applicant individually) and they added a Student Membership category. Please note these changes on the last page of this newsletter, Membership Options.

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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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!

Richard **CARRELL** (1 year, 09/30/13), Darlene C. **CONOLY** (**33** years, 09/30/13), Tom J. **CURLEE Jr** (5 years, 08/31/13), Melissa C. **FISHER** (4 years, 07/31/13), Don B. **HANKS** (**14** years, 07/31/13), Laura May **MILLER** (9 years, 08/31/13), Fred P. **NARDINI** (**22** years, 11/30/13), Dora & Pete **PERKINS** (**10** years, 11/30/13), Peggy & Ronald M. **YEAGER** (**22** years, 11/30/13), and Christine H. **YOUNG** (6 years, 11/30/13).

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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), Oralia & 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!**



## **CAPT Nan Honey, first woman to lead Naval Station Ingleside, dies at 61**

**CAPT Nancy (Nan) Kelso Honey**, the third commander of Naval Station Ingleside, died Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> at her home in Collinsville, IL. She just celebrated her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday.

Nan will be remembered for her fun, adventurous and gracious spirit as well as her strength as a leader.

“She was always a lot of fun to be around. She was always looking to make sure that our time together was good,” her brother **Mark Kelso** said. It wasn’t until I went to a change-of-command ceremony for her in Corpus that it really dawned on me how the other side of Nan was very serious and committed to her country

and was doing some incredible things.”

CAPT Honey was born in Hannibal, MO, and was the oldest of four children. Her sister **Sally Bull**, who is younger by 1 ½ years, said it was Nan who taught her to speak in their own baby language and later to crawl.

“We were just kind of kindred spirits,” Sally said. “She was my best friend.”

Nan earned a degree in biology and medical technology from St. Mary’s Dominican College in New Orleans before blazing a trail around the world in the Navy.

“One thing she always did when she was out in the country, she tried to live in an apartment that was off base so she could get the flavor of the place she was in, Ms Bull said, adding that CAPT Honey’s posts in Norfolk, VA, and Ingleside were among her favorites. “She was a gracious lady and had a glorious personality. She was tough sometimes and soft other times, always very hospitable and generous.”

She was the commander of Naval Station Ingleside for three years, during which the base expanded housing for service members, before moving to Illinois in 2001. She retired from the Navy in 2005 after 30 years of service.

“She felt very proud of what they did there,” Ms Bull said.

CAPT Honey was unique among other commanders, said friend and former **San Patricio County Judge Josephine Miller**, because she became ingrained in the local community in a way her predecessors hadn’t.

CAPT Honey’s South Texas friends continued to call and email her years after she left, and they even tried convincing her to move back when she retired, Judge Miller said.

“She went out into the community and made friends outside of the Navy family, and shared her Navy family with us,” Judge Miller said. “She’s not going to be forgotten. She had been missed, and now she’s going to be totally missed.”



10 - 15 June 2013: San Benito NJROTC attended South Texas **Leadership Academy** at Texas A&M Kingsville. Cadet Angel Arreola assisted the camp as a Graduate Assistant. Ten San Benito Cadets

successfully completed all requirements and earned their Leadership Cord at the camp. The Cadets are **Daniella Alaniz, Josiah Alcala, Cristian Cano, Robert Contreras, Clarence Ebarb, Frank Gonzalez, Cassimiro Herrera, Daniel Mendez, Jose Moya and Jorge Vasquez.**



17 - 22 June 2013: San Benito NJROTC attended South Texas **Basic Leadership Training** at Texas A&M Kingsville. **Cadet Virginia Moreno** assisted the camp as a Graduate Assistant. Ten San Benito Cadets successfully completed the camp requirements and earned their Mini-Boot Camp Ribbon. The Cadets are **Giselle Alegria, Aaron Garcia, Valerie Garza, Miguel Gonzales, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Raul Gonzalez, Juan Salinas, Pedro Torres, Christopher Trejo and Ramon Trevino.** Senior Chief **Chris Simmons (USN ret)** is also included in the picture.

Congratulations to **Cadet Commander Virginia Moreno** and **Cadet Lieutenant Commander Angel Arreola** who will be serving as the Unit's Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, respectively.



The **Rockport-Fulton High School Navy Junior ROTC** has started school with what we think is the best group of freshmen we have ever had. Incredible camaraderie, energy, and commitment already! With our cadre of experienced cadets returning we are excited by the potential for the coming year. Our drill teams have been practicing since the middle of August and in spite of the heat and humidity they have really gelled and our exhibition routines are progressing quickly. We will be ready for the first football game of the season to conduct our flag detail, color guard, and bleacher duties.

Our first drill meet will be at the CCISD Invitational at Mary Carroll High School on Sept 28<sup>th</sup> followed by a trip to the Sea Hornet Classic at Flour Bluff High School on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. Right now, we are scheduled to have our Annual Military Inspection (AMI) on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with a visit from our **NJROTC Area 10 Manager, CDR Mike Hale**. Once again we will work through our inspection and hope we can "beat the heat" and complete all of our events, a pass-in-review and treat the cadets to a bar-b-que lunch before bidding farewell to CDR Hale. However, the combination of sequestration and a possible continuing resolution may cause CDR Hale's travel schedule to be curtailed or canceled completely. We shall see and keep you updated.


Our own travel schedule will be trimmed a bit vs. last year as we work within our budget and still give the majority of our cadets a variety of opportunities to go on field trips and community service events.

Thank you to all of our supporters in the Ingleside Navy League for your continued support. As we begin our fifth year (has it really been that long already!!) we look forward to strengthening our partnership with the Navy League and making this our very best year to date.

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