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May & June
2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 14 US Army Birthday (1775)
- Jun 15 IRS Quarterly Taxes due ☹
- Jun 17-21 NLUS National Convention,
Tampa Bay, FL
- Jul 02 CNATRA Change of Command
- Jul 04 INDEPENDENCE DAY
- Aug 04 USCG Birthday (1790)
- Sep 02 V-J Day (1945)
- Sep 03 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Office/Director's
Lunch/Meeting, 1130, Allegro
Bay Restaurant.
- Sep 07 Labor Day
- Sep 11 Patriot Day
- Sep 15 IRS Quarterly Taxes due ☹
- Sep 18 POW-MIA Day
- Sep 27 Gold Star Family
Remembrance Day

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] in advance that you will be attending. We want to ensure we have ample space.



Welcome aboard, **Captain Tony HAHN**, USCG Commander Sector Corpus Christi, and his bride **Marta**. Captain Hahn assumed command Friday, 05 June 2015, aboard USS Lexington. We look forward to working with you!

Renewed: Vickie Abrego (16 years), Jackie & Jeff Carlson, Teri Ficken, John Liberti, Esther Williams

Thank you for your continued support!!



2013
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The month of May was a busy one - awarding of the Theodore Roosevelt Youth awards. These awards are presented to those cadets with outstanding performance of duty who best exemplify Roosevelt's values of energy, spirit, competition, and fair play. The winners were:

May 8th: **Rockport-Fulton High School NJROTC, Cadet Seaman Justin F. TUNCHEZ.**

May 13th: **Los Fresnos High School NJROTC, Cadet Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Stephanie GARZA and Cadet Senior Chief Petty Officer Miguel PEDRAZA.**

May 14th: **San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy NJROTC, Cadet Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Daniel MENDEZ.**

May 16th: **McAllen Memorial High School MCJROTC, Cadet Sergeant Ashley GOWARTY.**

May 23rd: **Marine Military Academy MCJROTC, Cadet Lieutenant Conor KNAPP.**

It was a blast recognizing these fine young men and women, **CONGRATULATIONS** to all!!! Wonder where these cadets go after high school? Look at the statistics from San Benito later in this newsletter. I'm sure these results are indicative of the other programs as well. The JROTC Program builds some great young men and women! **WOW!**

While we were in the Valley we also took the opportunity to visit: Coast Guard Station, South Padre Island on Friday, May 15th (**LT Mike Bell**, thanks for lunch, it was delicious) and; met with the Commanding Officer of the Naval Operational Support Center Harlingen, **CAPT Nels Swanson**, May 15th. Thanks taking time for your busy schedules to see Felix and me!

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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)

NOTE: National Navy League is rebuilding the On-Line-Community, the program that we use to update our local records, therefore we are unable to review and notify those whose memberships are becoming due over the next few months. Hopefully this program will be up and running in the near future.

If there is an error above, please contact **Bull Walker [790-7337 (H), 463-1201 (C), or dustybulltx@gmail.com]** as soon as possible—**THANK YOU.**

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!



As the end of the school year has come and gone, and summer is in full swing, the **Rockport-Fulton High School NJROTC** wants to thank all Navy League members for their exceptional support of our program. Special thanks to Bull Walker and **Felix Keeley** for representing the Navy League at our annual Awards Ceremony on May 8th and for presenting the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal to our Outstanding Cadet of the Year, **Justin TUNCHEZ**. Below is **Cadet Tunchez**, holding his Navy League Award, with Bull **Walker** to his left and **Mr. Scott Rogers**, the new Principal of RFHS, and **Captain Carlson**, the NJROTC

Senior Instructor, to his right.

On May 15th and 16th, our cadets braved the unending rain and helped out the local **Coastal Conservation Association** chapter at the Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament. We were able to work Friday night in spite of some bad weather, high wind, and driving rain that afternoon and then again Saturday morning until the event closed up that night. The sun came out on Saturday and a lot of great fish were weighed in all around. On May 17th, our **Color Guard** participated at a birthday celebration at the **Gulf Pointe Assisted Living Center** for the legendary **CWO4 Henry "Bud" Wildfang, USMC (ret)** who



turned 99 years young that day. CWO4 Wildfang, a Grey Eagle awardee and the only one in history below the rank of O-6, literally wrote the book on Air Transport for both cargo and personnel and upon retiring in 1978, had logged over 23,000 flight hours as a pilot, all accident-free! The very next weekend the cadets again waded through stormy weather to work the **19th Annual Rockport Food and Wine Festival**, "Winefest", at the Texas Maritime Museum. This was our 6th straight year working Winefest and it was the most challenging to date due to the weather. As always the cadets did a magnificent job and Senior Chief and I received many compliments for their work ethic, professional behavior, and the respectful demeanor they displayed to the guests and staff. On Memorial Day, we presented the Colors and had numerous cadets in formation for the **Rockport Memorial Day ceremony**, where **Senior Chief Del Rio** was the "Roll Call" honoree.

Graduation celebrations, speeches, and parties followed in the beginning of June and then the cadets headed off to Summer Camps at Texas A&M University-Kingsville with the first-year cadets attending Basic Leadership Training (BLT) the first week and the upperclassmen attending Leadership Academy the next week. July will hopefully give us a chance to catch our breath before we start with a new group of freshmen in August!! **See you next school year!!**



RELAY FOR LIFE. On Friday evening, 8 May, at La Feria Lion Stadium over 40 Cadets participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event 2015. The Cadets retained their name “**San Benito NJROTC Team Chief Williams**” from last year, to honor their former NJROTC Instructor who lost his life to cancer. The Cadets raised more than \$2,900.00 to help with Cancer Research and Cancer Awareness. Several of the Cadets ran over 20 miles that night, sending a clear message that we will never forget Chief Richard Williams.

SBVMA NJROTC Color Guard



NJROTC Cadets preparing to run at the Relay for Life



NJROTC AWARDS NIGHT. On 14 May, San Benito NJROTC held their Annual Awards Night. Over 40 National, State and Local awards were presented, including the Navy League's Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal that went to **Senior Cadet/LTJG Daniel MENDEZ**. Cadet Mendez has joined the Navy and aspires to become a Seal. Bull Walker and Felix Keeley were onboard to present the award. Additionally, over 20 Senior's were presented with their Shadow Boxes.



L-R: **Principal Gilbert GALVAN,**
Cadet Daniel MENDEZ, Bull, Felix
Keeley

GRADUATION NIGHT. On Friday night, 5 June, 20 NJROTC Cadets received their Graduation Diplomas, half joined the military: **Two joined the Marine Corps, 2 joined the Army, and 6 joined the Navy. Of the other 10 Cadets, 8 will be attending a 4 year university and 2 will be attending Technical College.**



SUMMER CAMPS & SUMMER WISHES. San Benito NJROTC Cadets will be attending Summer Camps in June. Ten junior Cadets will be attending Basic Leadership Training at the South Texas Leadership Camps at Texas A&M University in Kingsville from 8-13 June and nine Cadets will be attending the more difficult Leadership Academy from 15-20 June also at TAMU Kingsville. San Benito Cadets would like to wish all the Navy League Members a Safe Summer and send a big Thank You for supporting San Benito NJROTC. **HAVE A SAFE SUMMER AND THANK YOU!!! SEE YOU IN AUGUST 2015!!!**



BAKERS DOZEN



L-R: **Major David ARJONA USMC** (Senior Naval Science Instructor), Bull Walker, **Cadet LTJG Stephanie GARZA.**



L-R: Major Arjona, Bull Walker, **Cadet SCPO Miguel PEDRAZA**

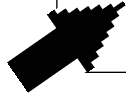


L-R: Cadet SCPO Miguel PEDRAZA, Bull Walker, and Cadet LTJG Stephanie GARZA

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