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September &
October 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 04 Daylight Savings Time ends ☺
- Nov 06 Election Day
- Nov 10 United States Marine Corps
Birthday (1775)
- Nov 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov 15 CNATRA Change of
Command/Retirement Ceremony
- Nov 22 Thanksgiving
- Dec 06 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Officer/Director's Meeting, 1130,
La Luna (106 South Austin,
Rockport), Rockport
- Dec 07 Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec 25 Christmas

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Happy Birthday United States Marine Corps, November 10th, 237 years.

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](#) - no new members this period.

[Renewed](#): Harold W. ASHLEY (20 years), Thomas DeCutler (7 years), Don B. HANKS (13 years), Jon C. LEWIS (15 years), and Peggy & Ronald Yeager (21 years).

[Thank you for your continued support!!](#)

President's Corner
"Bull's Eye"



2012
Officers/Directors:

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(President)
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We are fast approaching one of our most valuable rights as American citizens, our national elections. Please exercise your right to vote, November 6th!

Dusty and I just returned from a 4360 mile, 19 day road trip to the Northeast. One of our stops was visiting **CAPT Kathy Moore**, the former Deputy of Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi now Commander, Sector Delaware Bay, for a day and night. We are pleased to say that she is doing very well and enjoying her command, Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay - she sends her best to all and misses South Texas. She even has a Texas room in her home...

As we celebrate Veteran's Day (November 11) a few of us are traveling to San Benito Veteran's Memorial Academy to participate in the NJROTC ceremony on November 12.

We wish all a happy Thanksgiving - enjoy your families and the delicious food that comes with the holiday.

Our updated website is up and running (www.navyleagueingleside.org), I hope you enjoy the new format! If you have any comments, forward them to me, thank you.

Since the high schools (NJROTCs) were out for the summer we have no columns but hope to restart them in our next issue (September/October).

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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!

Vickie ABREGO (14 years, 12/31/12), **Thomas DePUMA (9** years, 02/28/13), **Teri & “Andy” FICKEN (11** years, 02/28/13), **Merlin HARTDEGEN (7** years, 01/31/13), **Amy & Charles KAUTZ (6** years, 01/31/13), **Fifi KIESCHNICK (3** years, 12/31/12), **Christine A. MUELLER (10** years, 10/31/12), **Mary & Sig MURPHY (1** year, 12/31/12), **James T. PAXTON (6** years, 11/30/12), **Todd W. PEARSON (10** years, 12/31/12), **N. Charles ROE (9** years, 11/30/12), **Lorraine S. & Tom V. STEHN (14** years, 09/30/12), and **Edgar T. WESTMORELAND (9** years, 09/30/12).

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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), Nan **HONEY** (2005), Martha & Jim **ISELL** (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 62!



The **Rockport-Fulton High School Navy Junior ROTC** returned to school at the end of August having already practiced drill and marching for two hot weeks in the summer. We started with a bang, participating in the Hill Country Invitational drill meet the first week of October at Smithson Valley High School coming in 2nd overall amongst Navy schools and qualifying for the Area 10 State Championship in February at Texas A&M University, College Station. We followed up that strong performance with our Annual Military Inspection on October 18th, with our Guest Inspector, **CDR Gilbert Lara**, Commanding Officer of the Navy Operational Support Center Corpus Christi. Also in Oct, we reported to NJROTC HQ an enrollment of **116 cadets** out of a school population of **920**, meaning we are continuing to grow the unit and exceed Navy expectations.

Additionally, we supported numerous community service opportunities in August, September and October. In August, we started by assisting the VFW during the Awards Lunch and Official Weigh-in for the Warrior Weekend Fishing Tournament. Later, we helped the Coastal Bend Troop Support during Sea Fair as well as their annual Car Show and Craft Fair. Also at Seafair, the **NJROTC** worked trash cleanup and the Car Show as well. For our friends at the Texas Maritime Museum, we had many cadets work the Pirate Pete Birthday Bash and the annual Halloween Kids Fest at the Fulton Mansion. Lastly, we participated in Rockport's National Night Out, culminating in a Hot Dog Dinner at the VFW. In November, our cadets will be participating in Veterans Day ceremonies at Live Oak Elementary, our own RFHS Assembly for the Student Body, as well as the city celebration at Veterans Memorial Park, where this year our NJROTC Instructor and Navy League member, **Captain Jeff Carlson**, will be the Keynote Speaker.

Finally, this year, the **NJROTC** has signed up to participate in the Sea Perch Program, where students build underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles out of simple parts sent in a kit. The **NJROTC** received a grant for over \$950 to purchase 5 kits and the necessary Instructor tools to build the ROVs. We successfully launched the ROVs in the Community Pool in late October and plan to practice with them for upcoming competitions and to learn more about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

**U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
United States
Coast Guard**



The Coast Guard has been keeping busy as the weather warms and more people head out to the water. A recent rescue included the hoist of four men off a stranded boat.

While at the airport, the aircrew randomly met Troy Aikman (NOT one of the rescued)!

The various units have hosted multiple

NRJOTC cadets, including a group from Missouri and another group from North Carolina; all coming to see the Best Sector in the Coast Guard! Also, the patrol boats have their annual Round Up and Damage Control Olympics coming up in April. It will be a great time for crews from Port Aransas, Corpus Christi, and South Padre Island to get together and sharpen their seamanship skills.

Capt. John Pasch, commander of Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi, presented crewmembers from Station South Padre Island with the Sumner I. Kimball Readiness Award on Feb. 15. The award was a result of an intense evaluation by a standardization team of the Coast Guard's small boat stations that measure a unit's ability to carry out its mission. The evaluation is conducted once every two years. The award is named for Sumner I. Kimball, the general superintendent of the U.S. Life-Saving Service who served from 1878 to 1915.



Attached Photo: L-R LT Keith Thomas, Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin Cleary, Football Legend Troy Aikman, Royal Australian Navy Leut Jordan Taylor, and Petty Officer 2nd Class Larry Opsahl.

***Guarding the Coast Since 1790. The United States Coast Guard -- Proud
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THANKS YOU!!



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