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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar 11 | Daylight Savings Time  |  |
| Mar 30 | Welcome Home VietNam Vets<br>Good Friday                                 |   |
| Apr 01 | Easter   |   |
| Apr 05 | INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL Director/<br>Officer Lunch, Paradise Key, 11:30am |   |
| Apr 17 | Tax Day....  |   |
| Apr 27 | 20th Annual USCG Awards and BBQ<br>(Flier later in the newsletter)       |   |
| May    | National Military Appreciation Month                                     |   |
| May 03 | INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL Director/<br>Officer Lunch, Paradise Key, 11:30am |   |
| May 08 | VE Day (1945)  |   |
| May 19 | Armed Forces Day   |   |
| May 22 | National Maritime 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](mailto:dustybulltx@gmail.com)] in advance that you will be attending. We want to ensure we have ample space.

### New Member

**Mike Slater, Rockport, TX**

**Welcome Aboard!**

## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

(Years as Member/Anniversary Date of Renewal)

**NOTE:** NLUS has updated/modernized the old On-Line-Community, the program that we use to update our local records. As I mention in "Bull Eye's" there is a link so you can update your own records to ensure Headquarters has the most up-to-date information. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Bull Walker [463-1201 (C)], or [dustybulltx@gmail.com](mailto:dustybulltx@gmail.com) as soon as possible—

THANK YOU.

**Jackie & Jeff Carlson (8 years, 1/31/18), Teri Ficken (11 years, 3/31/18),  
and Esther Williams (14 years, 02/28/18).**



Officers/Directors:

**D.B. "Bull" Walker** (President)  
(National Director Emeritus)

**Dusty Walker** (Vice President)

**Felix Keeley** (Treasurer)  
(National Director)

**Pete Perkins** (Secretary)

**Bill Janecek** (Honorary Director)

**Steve Morehead**

Welcome Aboard **Mike Slater!** Mike has supported our annual Awards/BBQ for the Coast Guard for the past few years and has been invaluable—thanks Mike!

Thank you so much for your renewals [**Harold Ashley** (26 year member), **Jon Lewis** (21 year member), **Todd Pearson** (16 year member), and **Peggy & Ron Yeager** (27 year members)]. I hope that this list is correct. If not, please drop me a note. Our Council ranks have held steady at 75 members. Thank you for your continued support!

Yesterday the Coasties dedicated **Valent Hall**, their new headquarters, located at the Corpus Christi International Airport. A spectacular building and great event. In attendance was **Representative Blake Farenthold**, the Commandant of the Coast Guard, **ADM Paul F. Zukunft**, and local elected officials. This will be the location for our upcoming **20th Annual United States Coast Guard Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards/BBQ**. Please look at the flier later in this issue for details. Once again **H-E-B** will be our sole sponsor—thank you!

Navy League Headquarters has introduced the new and updated membership and financial systems, check it out (<https://portal.navyleague.org>). Headquarters has provided directions which are included later in the newsletter. Honestly, I have just begun to play with it so I am by no means an expert... Navy League membership overall is on the increase. Most popular of the membership options appears to be the Electronic Membership. As such, one receives all correspondence electronically including the digital edition of the SEAPOWERS magazine .

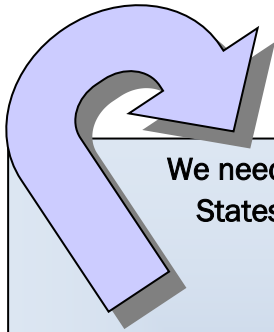
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LIFE MEMBERS

(Year became LIFE members)

Nancy **ALLEN** (1988), Nancy & Ken **BLEWETT** (2000), Karen **CERVENKA** (1997), John F. **CHAPMAN** (2003), Cecil A. **CHILDERS III** (1993), Gloria & Bob **CLINE** (2003), 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), Frank **HAMETNER** (1988), Judy & David **HAWLEY** (2002), 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), Ronald R. **WOODRUFF** (2001), and Carl D. **WORKMAN** (2002).

Total of 57!



**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 II. 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 last page of the newsletter.**

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

**Thank you!**



We are excited to announce that we have completed the retirement of our old member online community (OLC) and our new member service portal is available for use.

How do I access the new member portal?

Create a new user account. Your OLC credentials were retired with the old system.

- Go to [portal.navyleague.org](http://portal.navyleague.org)
- Click on register as a new user for your user ID/password.
- Once registered, it may take approximately 24 hours to receive confirmation that your new user ID has been linked to your Navy League member record. Once registration confirmation is received, click on the link embedded in the email confirmation, or simply use the LOGIN button located in the upper right-hand side of the portal website.

Highlighted features are continuing to be developed, such as the ability to:

- Update your personal information.
- Access resources and presentations.
- Review committee minutes and announcements.
- Access rosters for council, area and region presidents.
- Review and download training materials.

We'll be contacting you as these features become available. In the meantime, we encourage you to explore the portal, and offer your feedback for site improvement in the Portal Feedback Group.

Questions? Comments?

Registration-related: **Mike Brown**, Database Administrator

All other: **Gerald Saunders**, Director of Field Services

# 20th Annual United States Coast Guard Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards/BBQ

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## Helping Here.®

- WHEN:** Friday, April 27, 2018 at 12:30 PM
- WHERE:** Valent Hall, Corpus Christi International Airport
- WHAT:** This event highlights three outstanding Coast Guard personnel nominated by their parent commands from the Sector. Each is a super-star in their own right. Please come out and join us in congratulating these fine young military folks

If you would like to attend, please plan ahead. **DIRECTIONS:** Go to the Airport, take your first right turn and follow the road to the entrance of Valent Hall. A Security Guard will ask to see your drivers license, record your license plate number and ask for the reason to visit (Awards ceremony and BBQ). They will direct you to a parking spot. Please enter at the double doors at the left side of the building, behind the flags. The Coastie on duty will direct you to the event (inside the hangar, ground level).

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



If you would like to attend, please notify Bull Walker in advance so we can coordinate with the Coast Guard.

Thank you





Los Fresnos continues to set the pace. January took us to Laredo for a drill meet. Where our unarmed drill team was disqualified for wearing NJROTC pumps, though we managed to come in 2nd place amongst 32 schools. Off we went to Tomball for a dress rehearsal prior to our State Finals competition, where once again, the cadets were outstanding. Our Annual Military Inspection (AMI) was conducted by the **Commanding Officer, U.S.Coast Guard Station, South Padre Island** and he was very complimentary of the way Los Fresnos does business. We are one week away from partaking in our 16th consecutive State Final competition, but first, we will enjoy a weekend of the World Famous, Best Little Rodeo, the Los Fresnos PRCA Rodeo.







For the cadets of the **James Pace ECHS MCJROTC** program the past year has been an exciting one, as well as an exigent one. The cadets took a brief recess from competing in light of hosting a skills meet of their own, inviting schools from across the Valley and northern Texas. Through fairness and diligence, including good sportsmanship, the skills meet was a successful one.

With the hosting finished and the trophies passed out, the cadets returned to their daily routine of practice, practice, and more practice to take on other JROTC programs at Laredo. Though the stakes were not entirely swept, **Pace** landed a spot in the top 3 and took home trophies for marksmanship, armed drill, and physical fitness, to include the trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall.

Now, the cadets are back on the grind and are reforming their routines to stun and awe any opponents that stand in their way at their final competition in Roma.

A chocolate fundraiser is also being held until the end of March to fill the coffers enough to hold the annual Military Ball, where cadets get to reap the rewards of their efforts in a night of fun, elegance, and relaxation.

Certain cadets with the skill and dedication to succeed will have themselves tested this summer with a trip to the Marine Corps recruiting Depot at Paris Island, for a taste of what awaits those who choose a career among the few, and the proud.





# WHEN THE NEXT VICTIMS CALL FOR HELP, WOULD YOU MIND IF WE PUT THEM ON HOLD?



**Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.  
The earthquake and tsunami in Japan...**

When allies are hit hard by natural disasters, our Navy's speed and flexibility save lives and strengthen ties. Yet despite all we ask this vital force to do, we have been underfunding it for years. Our fleet needs more ships, better weaponry and next-generation technology. Tell Congress you support more funding now. It really is a life-and-death emergency.

**DON'T LET THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM BE CUT SHORT.**

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**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.

**MAKE AS MANY COPIES AS NEEDED, PLEASE PRINT!**

**THANK YOU!!**

**Membership is open to U. S. citizens who are not on active duty with any military service.**

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Business/Mobile Phone      Home Phone      Date of Birth

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT:**

- Check enclosed (MAKE PAYABLE TO NLUS)
- Please charge my: VISA, MasterCard, AMEX

**Mail this form and payment (payable to NLUS) to Bull Walker, 2515 Turkey Neck Circle, Rockport, Texas 78382-3530 to expedite your membership.**

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS** (please check one):

- 1-Year Premium Regular/International Individual \$55.00
- 2-year Premium \$100.00
- 3-year Premium \$130.00
- 4-year Premium \$180.00
- 5-year Premium \$225.00
- E-Membership \$25.00
- Life (to age 55) \$1000.00
- Life (age 56-75) \$750.00
- Life (age 76+) \$500.00
- Community Affiliate (Application) \$460.00

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