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July & August
2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 19 NOSC Harlingen Change of
Command
- Sep 27 Gold Star Family
Remembrance Day
- Oct 01 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Office/Director's
Lunch/Meeting, 1130, Allegro
Bay Restaurant.
- Oct 12 Columbus Day
- Oct 13 Navy Birthday (1775)
- Nov 01 Daylight Savings Time Ends ☹

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.

Renewed: Nancy BULGES (9 years), Terry COLLINS (8 years), Maryann and Ozel COX (9 years), Tom DePUMA (12 years), Jon C. LEWIS (8 years), Todd PEARSON (13 years), and Dora and Pete PERKINS (7 years).

Thank you for your continued support!!

President's Corner
"Bull's Eye"



2013
Officers/Directors:

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The summer has been quiet. School has been out and our JROTCs have had some well deserved down time though some cadets did participate in additional training at Naval Air Station Kingsville. After 9 years, **San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy's NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor LT Rolando Gonzlaez ("Gonzo")** moved to Smithson Valley High School NJROTC (San Antonio area) - best of luck **Gonzo!!**

Mid to late June **Felix Keeley** and I participated in the Navy League National Convention in Tampa Bay, FL. One of the programs presented was America's Strength: "A campaign to provide a significant investment in the Department of the Navy's fiscal year 2017 budget to meet the Navy-Marine Corps team's need. Without a significant increase in the Department of the Navy budget, we believe that the Navy-Marine Corps team will be unable to continue their critical work of protecting commerce at sea, responding to humanitarian crisis and promoting regional stability." We will be attaching various PDF files in support of this endeavor.

August 4th was the Coast Guard's **225th** birthday. We were honored to be invited to celebrations at Naval Air Station Corpus for Sector Corpus Christi (on the 4th) and South Padre Island (on the 7th). What fun!

Future plans: We are hoping to expand our JROTC support to one more program in the Valley and two locally. We have sent letters out to the Senior Naval Science Instructors offering our support, we'll see if they reply.

Bull

NOTE: If there are membership errors in this edition please contact me. National is updating their records, a monumental effort!



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 updating the On-Line-Community, the program that we use to update our local records, therefore this information may be incorrect. Hopefully we'll have more accurate information soon. In the meantime, if there any errors please contact Bull Walker [790-7337 (H), 463-1201 (C)], or dustybulltx@gmail.com as soon as possible—THANK YOU.

Harold W. ASHLEY (23 years, 09/30/15), Thomas DeCUTLER (9 years, 09/30/15), Peggy and Ronald M. YEAGER (24 years, 11/30/15).

LIFE MEMBERS

(Year became LIFE members)

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Total of 60!



The end of summer is near and the cadets are excited to be getting ready to return to school. The **Rockport-Fulton High School NJROTC** Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams as well as our Color Guards have been busy practicing the two weeks prior to school opening in order to be ready for our first competition at Mary Carroll High School on Saturday, September 26th. Undeterred by the South Texas heat, these teams have routinely spent three hours or more each day practicing in the sun on perfecting their basic drill and exhibition marching routines. We also hosted many new freshmen at our two-day New Cadet Orientation in August, as they, too, wanted to get a head-start on the new school

year.

On August 8th our cadets did their first community service event of the year by helping out the Coastal Conservation Association at their annual dinner banquet at Paws and Taws. What a great event to be a part of!! Lots of fun, lots of excitement and definitely lots of money was raised in support of the CCA!

Our cadets headed off to Summer Camps at Texas A&M University-Kingsville in June with 19 first-year cadets attending Basic Leadership Training (BLT) the first week and 8 upperclassmen attending Leadership Academy and CO-XO Camp the next week. Here is a picture of our Upperclassmen who attended Leadership Academy and CO-XO Camp this summer.



L-R: Cadet LT John Wilson, Unit XO; Cadet SCPO Sebastian Cross; Cadet ENS Michael Manigold; Cadet ENS Kaitlyn Newton; Cadet ENS Taylor Hernandez; Cadet LCDR Kennedy Vickers, Unit CO; Cadet PO1 Mariah Wood; and Cadet PO1 Stacia Parker

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT YEAR WITH THE ROCKPORT-FULTON HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC!!



Graduation of four Naval Science Cadets: Lt. Gonzalez, Chief Wilson and Chief Gaytan wish our 22 cadets who graduated on the 5th of June **Fair Winds and Following Sea's**. Thank you for your support of the San Benito NJROTC program throughout your high school years. Do not forget where your home is: **Once a Liberty Hound, Always A Liberty Hound.**



Basic Leadership Training (BLT) at Texas A&M Kingsville: Was held from June 8th until the 13th. The San Benito NJROTC successfully graduated 10 cadets. Each developed an outstanding foundation of leadership, teamwork, and pride in self. **BRAVO ZULU!**

Leadership Academy at Texas A&M Kingsville: Was held immediately following BLT, June 15th until the 20th. Seven San Benito NJROTC cadets successfully graduated, each is better prepared to take over the helm of the program in the near future.





Fair Winds and Following Sea's: Over this summer **Lt. Gonzalez** made a decision to move up north to Smithson Valley High School NJROTC. **Lt. Gonzalez** dedicated 9 years to the San Benito NJROTC unit and will be missed not only by the cadets (presnt and former) but also Chief Wilson and Chief Gaytan. We have the watch and will continue to build on his legacy.



Support them at sea and at home

The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine comprise our nation's sea services, keeping waterways safe and open for business. The Navy League of the United States supports our sea service members and families. Help keep our sea services strong. Visit NavyLeague.org today.





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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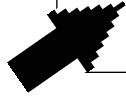


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