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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 05 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Office/Director's Lunch/Meeting, 1130, Paradise Key, Rockport
- May 08 Mother's Day  
VE Day (1945)
- May 21 Armed Forces Day
- May 30 Memorial Day
- Jun 02 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Office/Director's Lunch/Meeting, 1130, location TBD
- Jun 06 D Day (1944)
- Jun 14-19 NLUS National Convention, Charleston, SC
- Jun 19 Father's Day  
US Army (1775)

**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.

**Renewed: Teri FICKEN (9 years),**  
**Thank you for your continued support!!**

President's Corner  
"Bull's Eye"



- Officers/Directors:**
- D.B. "Bull" Walker**  
(President) (National Director)
  - Dusty Walker** (Vice President)
  - Felix Keeley** (Treasurer)  
(Lone Star Regional President) (National Director)
  - Pete Perkins**  
(Secretary)
  - Bill Janecek** (Honorary Director)
  - Steve Morehead**

On Thursday, 07 April, we held our 18th Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards ceremony and BBQ. Thanks to **H-E-B** we were able to feed a record setting 151 people. Thank you **H-E-B** for your continued support!

The competition was stiff, all candidates were supremely qualified and Coastguardsmen to be emulated. The 2015 award winners for were:

Junior Officer of the Year  
**Lieutenant Ashley J VRYHEID**

Sailor of the Year  
**AMT 1 Matt LOTTER**

Junior Sailor of the Year  
**MST 3 Timothy R. PIQUETTE**

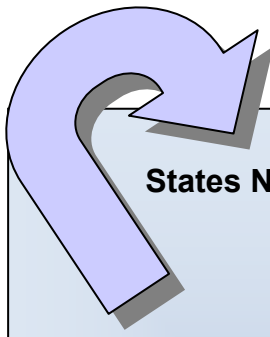
**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

This event was coordinated with the celebration of the Coast Guard's 100th year of aviation. They had static display aircraft available and Representative Blake Farental was in attendance. He also presented our 2015 Award Winners with a certificate. Pictures of all are later in this newsletter.



The month of May finds us on the road for JROTC awards nights. We'll have more on that in the next issue. Speaking of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, I would be remiss not bidding "Fair Winds and Following Seas" to a dear friend, CAPT Jeff Carlson, Rockport-Fulton High School—I KNOW Jackie will be glad to have you home... VR

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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 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!**

## 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](mailto:dustybulltx@gmail.com)] as soon as possible—  
**THANK YOU.**

**Maryann & Ozel COX** (9 years, 12/31/15), and **John LIBERTI** (10 years, 03/31/16)., and **Ron SMITH** (1 year, 07/31/16).

## 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), 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 59!**

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards and BBQ

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**MST 3 Timothy R. PIQUETTE**, Junior Sailor of the Year, and **Captain Tony HAHN**, Commander Sector Corpus Christi

**AMT 1 Matt LOTTER**, Sailor of the Year





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Lieutenant Ashley J. VRYHEID, Junior Officer of the Year



CAPT Hahn, AMT 1 Matt LOTTER, Lieutenant Ashley J. VRYHEID, Representative Farenthal, and MST 3 Timothy R. PIQUETTE,





When this newsletter hits the street we will be in the home stretch heading towards the finish line for another great year in the Rockport-Fulton NJROTC. In March we participated in some outstanding community service events including the Oysterfest Parade on March 5<sup>th</sup> as well as working the Oysterfest Soda Booth throughout the four-day Oysterfest for the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. We had another record year of soda sales and the event was an overwhelming success. Additionally, we had a huge turnout of cadets to help out the city Parks Department with the Whooping Crane strut on March 12<sup>th</sup>, so much so that we had to send a few home early. After Spring Break, we had 23 cadets

help out at the Taste of Rockport. This is an event that we never have a lack of volunteers for since the cadets get invited by the restaurants to try all the food when the cadets are on break. Needless to say, there aren't many leftovers when our cadets get done. Right after that we had 25 cadets attend the "100 Club" Dinner to help out and it is always nice to be able to support our local Police Department, who do so much to keep us safe.

In April we provided a Color Guard for the American Legion Post who was hosting a regional gathering. Speaking of the American Legion, the RFHS NJROTC had two cadets, **Benito Venegas** and **Michael Manigold**, from the junior class selected to attend the American Legion's *Boys State* in San Antonio in June, an exceptional opportunity for these two young men. We also provided a Color Guard and Sword Arch for the RFHS Softball Team's Parents Night, which turned out to be an awesome event. This night with the Lady Pirates and their parents has been a tradition for the team and the NJROTC for 7 consecutive seasons. We finish up the month by helping out the Texas Outdoors Woman Network (TOWN) for their *Women in the Wild* weekend.

In May we begin preparations for our summer leadership camps held on the campus of Texas A&M University-Kingsville, the first two full weeks of June. We also will have our annual End of Year Awards presentations on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. where we give out more than 25 medals and ribbons to deserving cadets, including the NLUS Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal to our **RFHS NJROTC Cadet of the Year**. We follow that with our community service at the Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as well as participating in the city's Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Graduation comes at the end of that week where we say goodbye to our dozen seniors and send some off into the uniformed services including Navy, Coast Guard and Army.

Also, this is the last newsletter input from me, **Captain Jeff Carlson**, the current Senior Instructor at RFHS NJROTC. I am planning to work closer to home on Padre Island and am being replaced by **Lieutenant Commander Fred Jones**, who is a Naval Science Instructor at Flour Bluff High School. I will officially depart the pattern on June 30<sup>th</sup> with LCDR Jones reporting for duty on July 1<sup>st</sup>. It has been a distinct honor to work with my Navy League friends as well as all of the wonderful folks in Rockport and Fulton for 7 years. I will definitely miss these great kids and the terrific staff here at RFHS.



Los Fresnos NJROTC is getting ready a well deserved break. But, first we must take care of pending business. Our Awards night will be held, **Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1800 in our cafeteria.**

Los Fresnos CISD just celebrated and our cadets participated in our Centennial Celebration. Great performance by our armed and unarmed drill teams in front of thousands of spectators.

**Cadets:**

**Roque Villafranca** received a NROTC Scholarship to **Rice University.**

**Stephanie Garza** received NROTC Marine Option scholarship to **Prairie View A&M University**

**William Black** will be joining the Corps of Cadets at **Texas A&M**

**Taylor Loop** will also join the Corps of Cadets at **Texas A&M**

**Daniela Rivera** is off to **William Jewell**

**Astrid Pedraza** was the recipient of the **Dream Act** scholarship

Instructors and cadets are physically and mentally gearing up for Basic Leadership Training and Leadership Academy training held in the month of June onboard Texas A&M Kingsville.

Soon after followed by Disneyland adventure for the Instructors.

**Bravo Zulu to all**







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



Members Reported Aboard: BM3 Bunnell, BM3 Boren, and BM3 Humphries

**Qualifications:**

Officer of the Day: BM1 Lopez, BM3 Natividad, and BM1 White

Communications Watchstander: BM3 Bunnell, BM3 Boren, and BM3 Humphries

33' SPC-LE Pursuit Crew Member: MK3 Martinez, BM3 Hill, BM3 Shelton, and BMC Pedrus

45' RBM Pursuit Crew Member: BOSN4 Weaver, ME1 Montemayor, MK3 Lawrence, and MK3 Laurio

45' RBM Crew Member: SN Spurlock, SN Owens, FN Herrera, and FN Fonseca

33' SPC-LE Coxswain: BM3 Rae and BM3 Mondrala

33' SPC-LE Crew Member: MK3 Stevens, SN Peckham, SN Spurlock, SN Fonseca, MK3 Martinez, MK3 Laurio, FN Feliciano, FN Herrera, and SN Ancelmo

45' RBM Pursuit Coxswain: BM2 Barlow

45' RBM Coxswain: BM3 Natividad

Boarding Team Member: BM3 Boren

**Unit Events:**

MK2 Reyes attended a Career Day at a local school.

Currently, the unit is undergoing major maintenance to the buildings along with dredging the boat basins.

The boat crews have assisted 18 mariners in distress. .

# THERE'S NO PAUSE IN THE ACTION HERE. WHY SO SLOW WITH FUNDING?

**Due to a lack of replacements, U.S. Navy aircraft that were designed to fly 6,000 hours are now expected to fly 10,000 hours.**

After 13 years of war and a decade of insufficient funding for a growing number of missions requiring air power from the sea, our Navy needs new aircraft and significant maintenance. The plans are in place, but the funding isn't. Tell Congress we can't wait any longer for a next-generation Navy.

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

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