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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 04 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Officer/Director's Lunch Meeting, 1130, Paradise Key, Rockport
- May 06 **San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy NJROTC** Awards ceremony
- May 08 VE Day (1945)
- May 10 **Los Fresnos NJROTC** Awards Night
- May 12 **Rockport-Fulton NJROTC** Awards Night
- May 13 **McAllen Memorial MCJROTC** Marine Corps Ball
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 18 **James Pace MCJROTC** Awards Night
- May 20 **Marine Military Academy** Graduation Parade
- May 22 National Maritime Day
- May 29 Memorial Day
- Jun 01 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Officer/Director's Lunch Meeting, 1130, Paradise Key, Rockport
- Jun 06 D Day (1945)
- Jun 14 Flag Day

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont)

- Jun 15 IRS Quarterly Tax due
- Jun 20-25 NLUS National Convention, Milwaukee
- Jun 28 USCG South Padre Island Change-of-Command

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.

President's Corner
"Bull's Eye"



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Director)

Pete Perkins
(Secretary)

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Director)

Steve Morehead

Thank you for your membership renewals and continued support: **Teri FICKEN (11 years)** and **Esther WILLIAMS (14 years)**!

Once again, I thank you **H-E-B** for their continued support for our Annual **USCG Junior awards Program**. They have been an integral part of the event for the past **19 years!**
THANK YOU!!

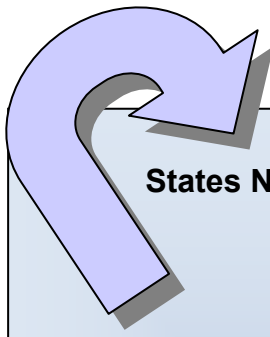
The next few months are going to be busy. We have a few trips planned to the Valley to present the Navy League's Theodore Roosevelt Youth Award to outstanding JROTC cadets. This year we picked up a new school, **James Pace High School** in Brownsville. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Hopefully the next issue will include pictures of these outstanding young people.

Also included in these trips will be two to the Coast Guard stationed at South Padre Island. The first is just a "hello" visit, the second will be to represent the Navy League at their *Change-of-Command*.

If anyone would like to join us on these trips you are more than welcome. Heads up: There are three overnights and these trips are not subsidized by the Council. It is all out of our pockets.

Navy League membership 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 **SEAPOW** magazine.

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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.

Membership renewalsDid 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] as soon as possible—
THANK YOU.

Tom DePuma (13 years, 02/28/17) and Michael J. Hulsey (1 year, 06/30/17).

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), 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 **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), Ronald R. **WOODRUFF** (2001), and Carl D. **WORKMAN** (2002).

Total of 58!

19th Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards and BBQ

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AST 3 Christopher D. WILSON
(Junior Sailor of the Year) and **MECM Ian LEE**
(Sector Command Master Chief)

ME 1 William J. McGUIRE (Sailor of the Year) and **MECM Ian LEE**
(Sector Command Master Chief)





LT Joseph ANTHONY (Junior Officer of the Year) and **MECM Ian LEE** (Sector Command Master Chief)



Without our volunteers this would never happen! Thank you: **Felix Keeley, Warren Hassinger, Steve Morehead, Jeanne & John Pasch, Pete Perkins, Pat Rios, and Dusty Walker.**







AND we got a tour of the Coast Guard's airplanes! **Warren Hassinger** and **LT Karl ALEJANDRE** in front of a MH-65 Dolphin.
It just doesn't get any better than this...



*Los Falcons continued with the fun. After a successful Annual Military Inspection by **CDR Hale**, we carried on with the Plan of the Day and executed a delightful 15th Military Ball. A great night to execute the superb dining and dancing training provided by the top notch instructors. Our annual Blue Angels trip continues to be a big hit with the students. Major Arjona drove the Ferrari to a top speed of 160 m.p.h.*

Up next is our Annual Awards Night and of course, the two most anticipated weeks of the year. Summer camps in the beautiful campus of Texas A&M Kingsville.

Chief Carlos Marquez





Major David ARJONA, Los Fresnos High School Senior Naval Instructor



Sector/Air Station Corpus Christi recognized two separate HC-144 Ocean Sentry crews on their outstanding Law Enforcement and Search and Rescue contributions. The Commandant's Letter of Commendation was presented to Lieutenant de Groot, Lieutenant Knauss, Petty Officer Second Class Warren, Petty Officer Second Class Espinosa, and Petty Officer Third Class Jones. Petty Officer Second Class Meshell was not in attendance; however, he was also awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for his contributions. This crew successfully interdicted three vessels illegally fishing in U.S. waters, which led to the recovery of two miles of illegal long line gear.

The Commandant's Letter of Commendation was presented to a separate HC-144 crew consisting of Lieutenant Padgett, Lieutenant Russell, and Petty Officer Third Class Torstenbo. Petty Officer Second Class Meshell, Petty Officer Second Class Coates, and Petty Officer Third Class Cole were not in attendance; however, they were also awarded the Commandant's Letter of Commendation. This crew located a disabled motor vessel 120 miles offshore of Lake Charles, Louisiana and deployed a radio to it. They then vectored an Air Station Houston helicopter to the disabled vessel. The helicopter hoisted a crew member from the vessel who had a threatening medical condition and transported him to the hospital.

Congratulations to both of these crews for protecting our living marine resources and saving the lives of mariners in distress!



Keep our waterways safe and open for business



The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine comprise our nation's sea services, protecting our waterways and safeguarding Americans at sea. The Navy League of the United States champions their work. Help keep our sea services strong. Visit NavyLeague.org today.



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THANK YOU!!

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MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (please check one):

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