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May & June
2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jun 24-29 NLUS National Convention,
San Diego, CA
- Jun 27 USCG Station South Padre
Island Change of Command
- Jul 04 Independence Day
- Aug 04 USCG Birthday (1790)
- Sep 02 V-J Day (1945)
- Sep 04 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Officer/Director's Meeting,
1130, Allegro Bay Restaurant.
- Sep 11 Patriot Day
- Sep 18 USAF Birthday (1947)
- Sep 19 POW-MIA Day
- Sep 28 Gold Star Remembrance Day

NOTE: The Officer/Director meetings for July and August have been cancelled. Our next meeting will be September 4th at Allegro Bay Restaurant in Rockport, 11:30 AM.

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 - Kalee Fuller

Renewed: Esther P. Williams (10 years)

Thank you for your continued support!!

President's Corner
"Bull's Eye"



WELCOME ABOARD KALEE FULLER!

We spent quite a few hours on the road in May. We were able to present the Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Youth Award to a number of outstanding high school students. The recipients were: Rockport-Fulton High School NJROTC **Cadet/Seaman Kennedy VICKERS**; Los Fresnos High School NJROTC **Cadet/Senior Chief Petty Officer Roque VILAFRANCO** and **Cadet/Petty Officer Third Class America GARNICA**; San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy NJROTC **Cadet/Ensign Cristian CANO**; Marine Military Academy MCJROTC **Cadet/Second Lieutenant Jeremiah S. RUVALCABA**, and; Lyndon B. Johnson High School NJROTC **Cadet/Petty Officer Second Class Eduardo ESPINOZA**.

In addition to doing the JROTCs we went further south and visited Coast Guard Station South Padre Island (USCG SPI). We were hosted by the Executive Officer, **Chief Warrant Officer Rob CANEPA**. A great visit, thanks so much for taking time from your busy schedule. We will miss the USCG SPI Change of Command, June 27th. Fair Winds and Following Seas **Lieutenant Joshua Sagars**. He is off to get his Masters Degree in Washington, DC - **CONGRATS!**

Our summer will be fairly quiet. We'll crank back up in September when we hope to make another trip to the Valley visiting the JROTCs and the South Padre Island USCG Station. Specifically, we want to introduce ourselves to the new Commanding Officer, **Lieutenant Michael S. BELL - Welcome Aboard!**

Our updated website is up and running (www.navyleagueingleside.org), I hope you enjoy the new format! This site also contains many of our past newsletters. If you have any comments, forward them to me, thank you.

Our Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps have been busy. Please take a moment to read their articles: Thank you **Captain Jeff CARLSON** (Rockport-Fulton High School) and **Lieutenant Rolando GONZALEZ** (San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy). **Welcome aboard Los Fresnos NJROTC, Major Luis Gomez** and **Chief Carlos Marquez**. Thanks to **Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Margaret KRATZ, USCG** for two articles.

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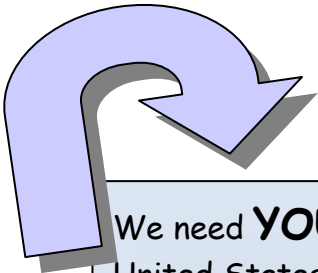
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We need **YOU** as a citizen in support of the Sea Services (United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and U.S. Flag Merchant Marine).

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 sustained support!

Harold W. **ASHLEY** (22 years, 09/30/14), Tom J. **CURLEE, Jr.** (6 years, 08/31/14), Thomas DeCutler (8 years, 09/30/14), Migdalia & Dennis **ROBERTS** (32 years, 08/31/14), and Roger Wright (9 years, 04/30/14).

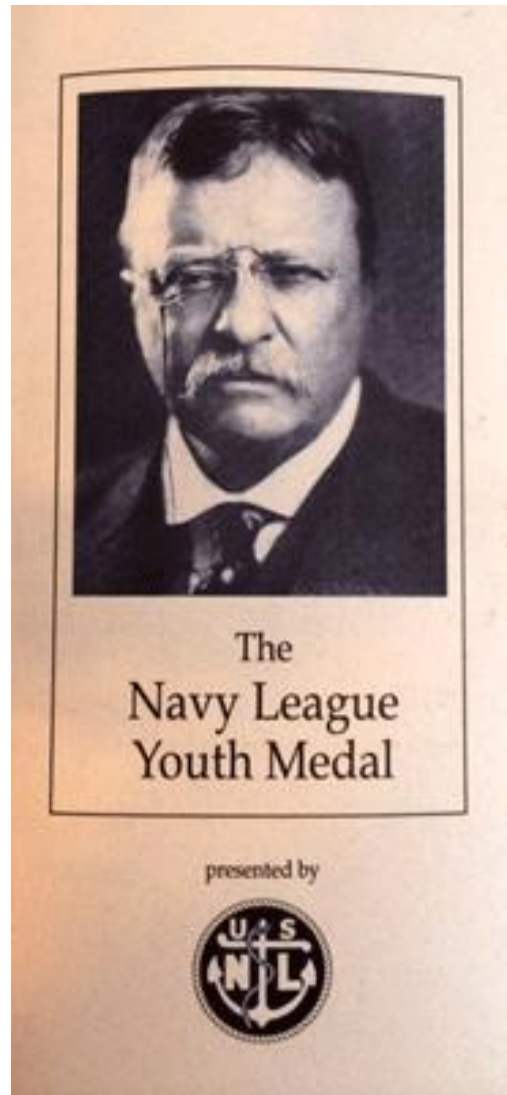
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(Year became LIFE members)

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Total of 61!



AWARDEES are:



Rockport-Fulton High School NJROTC:
Cadet/Seaman Kennedy Vickers



San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy NJROTC:
Cadet/Ensign Cristian CANO



Los Fresnos High School NJROTC: **Cadet/Senior Chief Petty Officer Roque VILLAFRANCO** and **Cadet/Petty Officer Third Class America GARNICA**



MARINE MILITARY ACADEMY
MCJROTC: **Cadet/Second Lieutenant Jeremiah S. RUVALCABA**

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AWARDS CEREMONY. On 15 May, San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy NJROTC held it's Annual Awards Ceremony. Over 30 National and State Awards were presented, including the Navy League's Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal. The medal was presented by Bull Walker to **Cadet Cristian Cano** (below).



The Unit also issued 27 Shadow Boxes to graduating NJROTC Seniors and announced next year's Executive Officer as **Daniella Alaniz** and Commanding Officer as **Cristian Cano**.



Senior Cadet Virginia Moreno receives her Shadow Box

RELAY 4 LIFE. On 2 May, over two dozen Cadets attended the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in La Feria, Texas to represent San Benito CISD. The Cadets collected over **\$4,511.17** in donations from friends, family members, and teachers. They dedicated this year's fund raising to **Chief Richard Williams**, their former Naval Science Instructor that lost his battle to cancer earlier in the school year.

Cadets prepare for the Parade of Teams Lap at the Relay for Life in LaFeria, Texas



Cadets run laps around the track during the Relay for Life

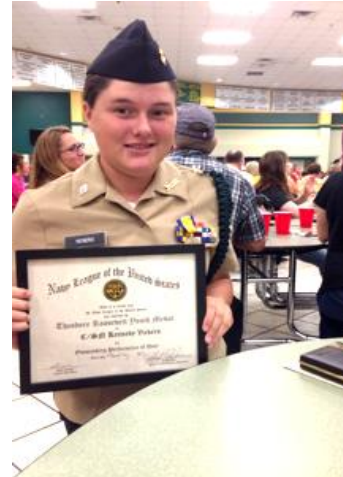
Distinguished Unit: To conclude a very successful year, **San Benito NJROTC** was notified that they had been selected by the Area 10 Manager as a Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors. This marked the **third year in a row** that the unit had received this prestigious award. Earlier in the year, the Cadets had made it a goal to win the Distinguished Unit category to honor Chief William's memory.





Summer is here and the cadets have left the building!! What a tremendous year we had and we are once again grateful to the Ingleside Area Council of the Navy League for its support and friendship. Included in this newsletter is a photo of our Cadet of the Year with her Theodore Roosevelt Navy League Youth Medal and framed certificate, taken during our May 9th Awards Dinner.

Cadet Kennedy Vickers is our very first freshman to be named **Cadet of the Year** and earn the prestigious Navy League Award. She has been nothing short of phenomenal throughout the year, in every event and endeavor she has taken on. An excellent student, she did as well in the classroom as she did on the drill field. She was a member of the Unarmed Drill Team as well as the Female Color Guard, participating in the State Championship in February. Additionally, she was on the Academic and Physical Fitness Teams while learning all aspects of the Supply Officer position, maintaining our \$80,000 uniform inventory with outstanding accuracy. She is an inspiration to her fellow cadets and teachers alike.



The **RFHS NJROTC** also worked our fifth consecutive Rockport Food and Wine Festival on Memorial Day weekend, helping the Texas Maritime Museum raise much-needed operating funds again this year. We look forward to working with TMM each year on many events. The next day our color guard and a dozen cadets in formation participated in the City of Rockport's Memorial Day Ceremony. It had been a while since our involvement in the ceremony and many thanks to Mayor C.J. Wax and Mr. Tom Staley for inviting us. It meant a great deal to our cadets to be a part of the ceremony. Just prior to this we had a few cadets help out Ms. Carla Reed and the Coastal Bend Troop Support at their annual Nautical Flea Market at the Rockport Aquarium. As always, our cadets presented the colors at the ACISD Closing Ceremonies on Friday, June 6th as well as the RFHS Graduation that night.

And a very heartfelt "Fair winds and following seas" to the cadets who have chosen to volunteer for military service after graduation: **Austin Bleiker**, who is working two tracks, Nuclear Power and SEALs with the US Navy. Whichever he ends up with, he will be a success! **Josh Huffman** will be a Navy Hull Technician and **Ashley Sims** an Aviation Boatswain's Mate Equipment Handler. **Robert Walker** is going in the Navy to be an Operations Specialist and his twin brother, **Quentin**, will be an Aviation Administrative Clerk. **Ryan Guerrero** is also working feverishly to complete his MEPS paperwork for the Navy, to take a shot at becoming a SEAL. Additionally, our 2013 Navy League Youth Medal awardee, **Leanna Grimes**, has chosen the Marine Corps to continue her military service. She is slated to become a Legal Clerk. And for the first

time in our unit's five years, we have a cadet heading off to Air Force boot camp. **Carlos Medrano** will become an Aviation Engineer, repairing jet aircraft. We wish them all the best of luck!!



Cadet/Petty Officer Third Class America GARNICA



Cadet/Senior Chief Petty Officer Roque VILAFRANCO with Major Luis Gomez (Senior Naval Science Instructor)

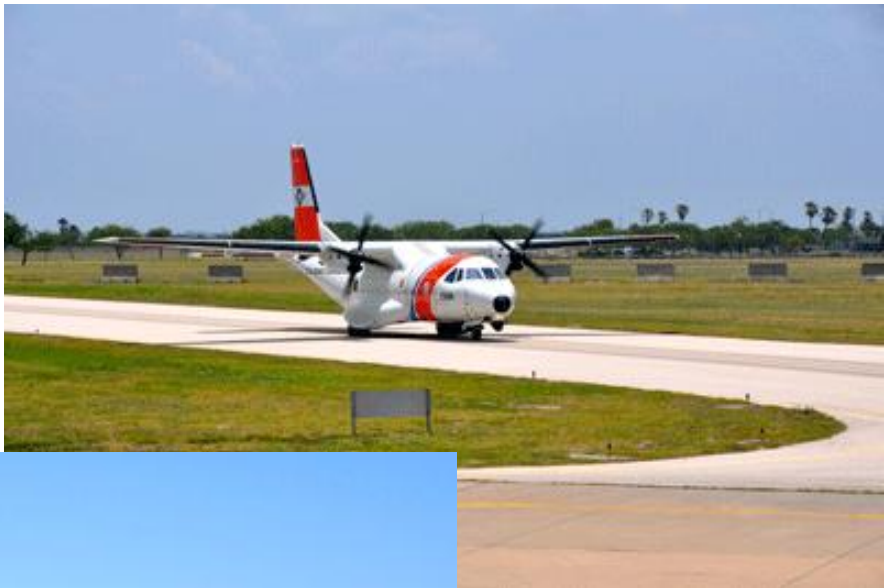




Sector Corpus Christi received its first of three **HC-144 Ocean Sentry** aircraft on Tuesday. This marks the beginning to the modernization of the Coast Guard's medium range fixed wing maritime law enforcement, and search and rescue fleet in South Texas.

The HC-144 Ocean Sentry is a highly flexible, multi mission, medium range aircraft which the Coast Guard uses as a search and rescue platform to find

and provide aid to mariners in distress over 400 miles from shore. The aircraft is also used as a law enforcement surveillance aircraft to locate and identify vessels engaged in illicit activities. The Ocean Sentry can also



be configured to carry 40 passengers, up to 9,400 pounds of cargo or can be configured to carry litters for medical patients.

Sector Corpus Christi will receive two more Ocean Sentry aircraft through the next year. The HC-144 will replace

the aging HU-25 Falcon Jet used by the Coast Guard since 1982 and offers improved performance in range and endurance, and also has upgraded sensor systems and modernized cockpit.

RESCUE: The Coast Guard rescued a pilot after his plane crashed Tuesday, June 3rd south of Corpus Christi near Baffin Bay.

At approximately 2:30 p.m., the crew aboard a Coast Guard HU-25 Falcon Jet overheard a Skywest Airline's aircraft report to Corpus Christi approach control that a civilian Cessna pilot made a [mayday](#) call. With just a general physical description of the crash location, the Falcon jet proceeded to the estimated position of the crash site near Baffin Bay to begin the search. The crew of the Falcon relayed the information to Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi watch standers who immediately diverted an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew to respond. The Falcon found the intact Cessna 172 within five minutes of receiving the call on its roof in a sand flat with the pilot signaling for assistance. The position was relayed to the rescue helicopter crew who arrived only minutes later.

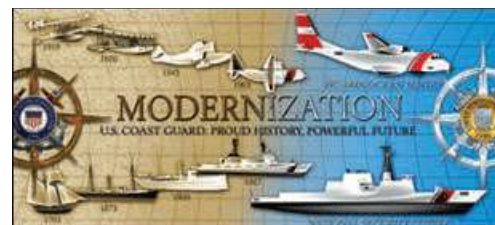
The helicopter crew landed in the sand flat and deployed their [rescue swimmer](#) who assessed the Cessna pilot's condition. The pilot was brought on board the helicopter and taken to [Naval Air Station Corpus Christi](#) where an ambulance was waiting.

"I am happy we were able to help a fellow pilot in distress," said **Lt. Dylan Sapia**, the Coast Guard helicopter pilot. "Any aviation mishap hits close to home and we are grateful we could render assistance."

"This was an outstanding display of team work between Air Traffic Control, the Skywest airliner and both the HU25 and MH65 crews." Said **Lieutenant Mark Whyte**, one of the pilots aboard the HU-25 Falcon. "The quick response and professionalism of all reporting and responding agencies resulted in assistance being rendered within 20 minutes of the initial mayday call, and the pilot being delivered to an awaiting ambulance at Navy Corpus Christi only 45 minutes after making the forced landing."

The pilot was assessed by Emergency Medical Services and released in stable condition.

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