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May & June 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jul 20 NAS Corpus Christi Change of Command, 1100, Wings Auditorium
- Aug 03 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Officer/Director's Lunch Meeting, 1130, Paradise Key, Rockport
- Aug 04 USCG Birthday (1790)
- Sep 02 VJ Day (1945)
- Sep 04 Labor Day
- Sep 07 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Officer/Director's Lunch Meeting, 1130, Paradise Key, Rockport
- Sep 11 Patriots Day
- Sep 15 IRS Quarterly Tax due
- Sep 16 POW-MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 18 USAF Birthday (1947)
- Sep 25 Gold Star Remembrance 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] in advance that you will be attending. We want to ensure we have ample space.

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

(Years as Member/Anniversary Date of Renewal)

NOTE: National Navy 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] as soon as possible—THANK YOU.

**Harold Ashley (25 years, 9/30/17) Adley Canales (2 years, 9/30/17), and
Thomas DeCutler (11 years, 9/30/17)**

President's Corner
"Bull's Eye"



Welcome aboard Lieutenant Kurtis Mees, the new Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station South Padre Island. He assumed command June 28, 2017.

May was a busy month: **Felix Keeley, Pete Perkins**, and I made 4 trips to the Valley in support of our JROTCS [San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy (SBVMA), Los Fresnos, Rockport-Fulton, McAllen Memorial, and James Pace High Schools, and the Marine Military Academy (MMA)]. The awardees were:

SBVMA—C/SCPO Stephanie Cantu & C/SCPO Jimmy Gonzalez
Los Fresnos—C/LT Erick Garcia & C/LTJG Denise Gabrales
Rockport-Fulton—C/Ens Victoria Webb
McAllen—C/2LT Ulises Varela
Pace—C/GySgt Lizbeth Flores
MMA—C/GySgt Matthew R. Wisely
Memorial (Port Arthur) - C/PO 1 Antonio Hinojosa

It is always a blast to see these young adults and their families. Look for photos of the events in this issue.

Last week Felix, Dusty, and I returned from the Navy League National Convention in Milwaukee, WI. Your Navy League has a new President, **Alan Kaplan**. He is a CPA, 46 years old, married with 3 sons. Additionally National introduced the new and updated membership and financial systems, check it out (<https://portal.navyleague.org>). Once you get there you have to register. Then you will have the ability to edit your own information. Honestly, I have just begun to play with it so I am by no means an expert... 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 SEAPOWER magazine .

Have a great summer!

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Officers/Directors:

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

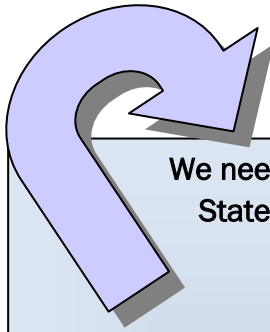
Dusty Walker (Vice President)

Felix Keeley (Treasurer) (**Lone Star Regional President**)
(National Director)

Pete Perkins (Secretary)

Bill Janecek (Honorary Director)

Steve Morehead



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!

Navy League of the United States Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal



(L-R) CPO Jesus Gaytan (Naval Science Instructor), me, C/SCPO Jimmy GONZALEZ, C/SCPO Stephanie CANTU, Capt Nels Swanson (Senior Naval Science Instructor)



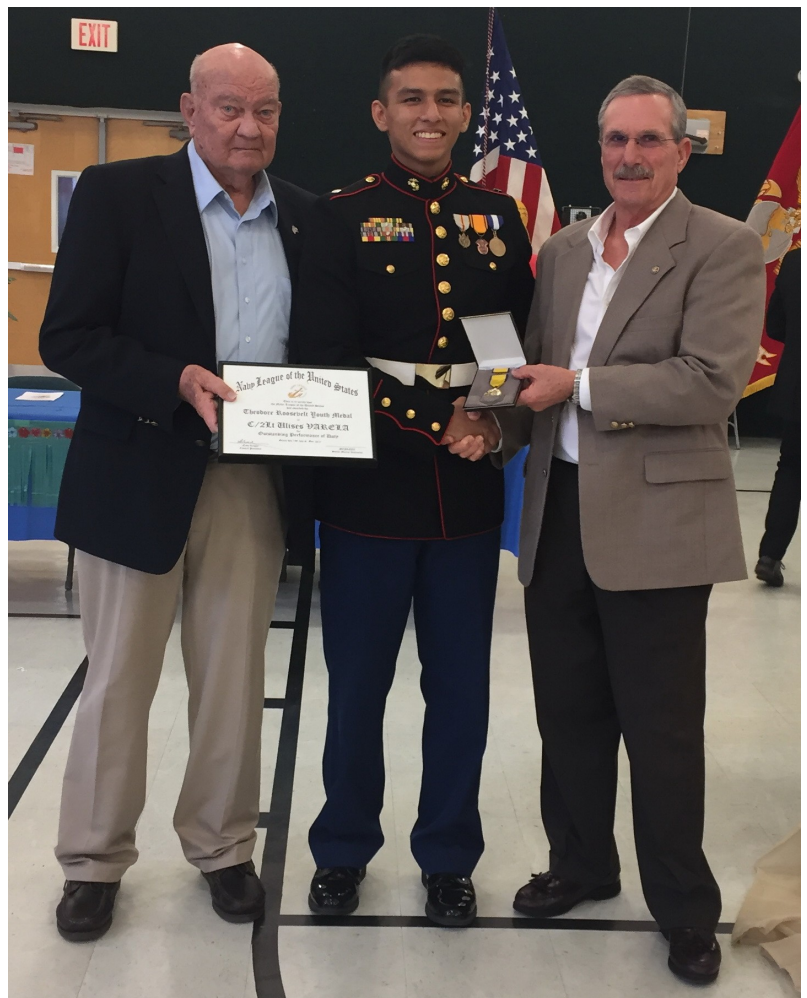
C/LTJG Denise GABRALES
and C/LT Erick GARCIA



JAMES PACE Early College High School: C/ GySGT Lizbeth FLORES and the Senior Marine Naval Science Instructor



McAllen Memorial High School: Felix, C/2Lt Ulises VARELA, and me



News Release



June 16, 2017

U.S. Coast Guard 8th District Public Affairs Detachment Texas

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Coast Guard interdicts lancha crew illegally fishing in US



CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — Coast Guard law enforcement crews detected and interdicted a Mexican lancha boat crew off the coast of southern Texas, Thursday.

Coast Guard crews stopped the lancha with four Mexican fishermen engaged in illegal fishing Thursday afternoon. The lancha and fishing gear were seized. The Mexican fishermen were detained and transferred to border enforcement agents for processing.

“We take the mission of protecting our living marine resources very seriously,” said Cmdr. Keith Pierre, the chief of response at Sector Corpus Christi. “We will continue to deter illegal fishing and other illicit activity that occurs [in U.S. waters.]”

A lancha is a Mexican fishing boat that is approximately 20-30 feet long with a slender profile, typically with one outboard motor, is capable of traveling at speeds exceeding 30 miles per hour, and is frequently used to fish illegally in the United States’ Exclusive Economic Zone near the U.S./Mexico border in the Gulf of Mexico.

Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi has interdicted 27 and has seen 96 lanchas north of the U.S./Mexican Maritime Border in 2017.

If you witness suspicious or illegal fishing in state waters (out to 9 miles offshore), please contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department’s “Operation Game Thief” at 1-800-792-GAME (4263). For all suspicious or illegal fishing occurring in federal waters (out to 200 miles offshore), please contact the U.S. Coast Guard

News Release



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CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The Coast Guard rescued four adults from a remote island after their canoe capsized Wednesday morning [near Seadrift, Texas](#).

At 1:26 a.m., a crewmember of the tow vessel Salvation contacted Sector Corpus Christi watchstanders and reported seeing a red flare in the area of the Victoria Bridge Canal.

An Air Station Corpus Christi MH-65 Dolphin helicopter aircrew arrived on scene at 3:19 a.m. and, after noticing a flashing light, found the four people stranded on an island after a large wave overturned their canoe. The helicopter crew took the adults to Calhoun County Airport, with the last member of the capsized canoe hoisted at 6:01 a.m. There were no injuries to the four adults, who were all wearing life jackets.

The four adults were taking part in the Texas Water Safari canoe race, which was organized by the Texas

Water Safari Corporation. The route started in San Marcos, Texas, and concluded in Seadrift.

“We commended the Texas Water Safari Corporation for ensuring that the participants of the race were well equipped for the hazards associated with recreational activities on the water,” said Captain Tony Hahn, Commander of Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi. “The participants had Coast Guard approved life jackets and red aerial flares, a strobe-light, a whistle, a first aid kit, food, and water. This equipment was crucial in signaling for help and allowing them to survive.”





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 our 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.



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THANK YOU!!

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INGLESIDE AREA

Sponsor's Last Name Sponsor Member # New Member's Council

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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