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November &
December
2015



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 25 Christmas

Dec 31 New Years Eve

2016

Jan 01 New Years Day

Jan 06 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Office/Director's Lunch/
Meeting, 1130, Daily Grind, Rock-
port.

Jan 15 IRS Quarterly Payment due

Feb 04 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Office/Director's Lunch/
Meeting, 1130, Daily Grind, Rock-
port.

Feb 07 SUPER BOWL #50

Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday

Feb 14 Valentine's Day

Feb 15 President's Day

Feb 22 Washington's Birthday

Feb 26-27 Lone Star Region Meeting,
Salado, TX

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.

New Members: Adley CANALAS and Ronald D. SMITH

Renewed: Harold ASHLEY (14 years), Thomas DeCUTLER (10 years), Jon C. LEWIS (9 years), Dora and Pete PERKINS (7 years), and Peggy and Ronald M. YEAGER (25 years).

Thank you for your continued support!!



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving. No sooner is that over than we are preparing for Christmas and the New Year—WOW, it comes fast...

CONGRATULATIONS Lieutenant Commander Mike BELL, Commanding Officer Coast Guard Station South Padre Island, on your recent promotion to O-4!

Felix Keeley and I just returned from Navy League's National Director Meeting in Baltimore, MD. Dang it was COLD... National is having a terrible time with it's data base. We are trying to correct it and there may be errors in the membership roles. If you notice something that is not right with your record please drop me a note (dustybulltx@gmail.com) and I will report and track the corrections. Unfortunately this is not going to be a "quick fix", so please bear with us.

Your **INGLESIDE AREA** Council is preparing for 2016. Our initial focus will be on our **18th Annual Coast Guard Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor/Blue Jacket of the Year awards Ceremony and BBQ** this coming Spring. Then we'll be off in May to present the Youth Awards to our Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) Units. If you would like to assist in the BBQ, serving the Coasties, again drop me a note. There will be more information on both events in the issues to follow.

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2013 Officers/ Directors:

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(National Director)

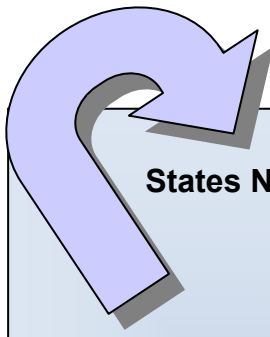
Dusty Walker (Vice
President)

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 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 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.

Vickie ABREGO (17 years, 12/31/15), Terry COLLINS (8 years, 12/31/15), Maryann & Ozel COX (9 years, 12/31/15), Amy & Charles KAUTZ (9 years, 01/31/16), and Todd PEARSON (13 years, 12/31/15).

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), Genie & 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 **WILFORD-KEMP** (1992), Ronald R. **WOODRUFF** (2001), and Carl D. **WORKMAN** (2002).

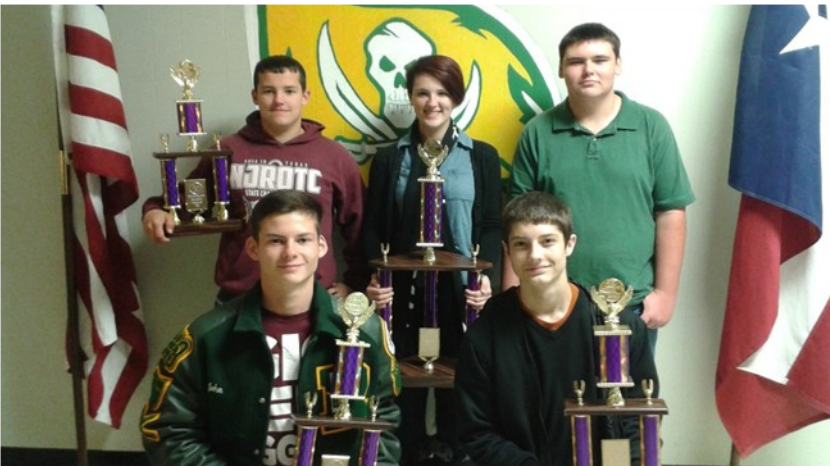
Total of 60!



Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year to all of our Navy League friends!! November and December are always filled with a lot of competitions and events for the cadets. We started the month with a trip to George Bush High School in Houston on November 7th to participate in “The President’s Own” Drill Meet and, in spite of some difficult weather and logistics, made a respectable showing amongst the many high schools there. Although we fell short in achieving our goal of qualifying for the NJROTC State Championship, our Unarmed Drill Team took a **3rd Place** trophy for Regulation Drill and the rest of our teams performed well, too.

On November 14th, 20 cadets completed some community service serving lunch at the Camper Clinic Annual Open House and then following lunch the Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams performed their Exhibition Routines for the crowd. Always a treat for folks who don’t get to see our cadets perform on a regular basis, many complimented **Senior Chief Del Rio** for the excellent discipline and complexity the cadets’ demonstrated throughout the routines.

Prior to the Thanksgiving holiday, the cadets participated in “The Panther Challenge” Leadership Meet at Aransas Pass High School on Saturday, November 21st. A departure from the normal “drill meet” scenario, the Panther Challenge includes many physical fitness events, including an Obstacle Course and Combat Fitness Test, as well as Marksmanship, Orienteering, Academics, and Team Challenges.



Our cadets managed to win a few trophies including **3rd Place Overall**, **2nd Place in the Obstacle Course**, **2nd Place for Males in the Combat Fitness Course** and **3rd Place in the Intermediate Orienteering event**. Individually, **John Soto** won a medal for the 2nd fastest time for males through the Combat Fitness Course, a very difficult challenge, and **Tanner Gaskin** won a medal for the **3rd best** score in Marksmanship shooting in the Prone position.

Back left to right: **Michael Manigold, Gabby Grosjean, Josh Campbell**

Front left to right: **John Soto, Jacob Brooks**

In December, we compete in the Southwest High School “Sea Dragon Classic” in San Antonio on Saturday, December 5th, and we hope to fulfill our goal of qualifying for the State Championship there. Additionally, in the community service area, we will have about 20 cadets helping out the Good Samaritans on Saturday, December 19th, at the annual Christmas Food Basket Distribution. We did this last year for the first time and it was such a fun event and a great way to get that true holiday spirit that we jumped at the chance to help out again this year.

We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season!!



Los Fresnos Falcon Varsity Travel Team continues to achieve success on the drill pad. Results from the following meets:

Flour Bluff drill meet in Corpus Christi: 3rd place overall

George Bush drill meet in Houston: 3rd place overall

This past weekend at Southwest in San Antonio, **Los Fresnos** came in 4th place overall amongst 39 schools including National Championship quality competition, and 2nd place in Navy schools.

Mixed color guard team earned 1st

Unarmed team inspection earned 2nd

Physical fitness team came in 2nd

We are very fortunate to have quality students that have a competitive state of mind and work hard towards success. Since the establishment of the **Los Fresnos NJROTC** unit in 2003, we have always qualified for State Finals and this will be our 14th State competition.

In addition to our success on the drill field, this is our first year with a CyberPatriot team and they have competed in the first two rounds with the following results.

Texas Area 10 NJROTC Units: placed 8 out of 27

Texas NJROTC Units: placed 38/130

All Service JROTC (AF, Army, Navy, MC, CAP) in Texas: placed 38/177

All Services in the United States: placed 245/826

The Falcon Cyber team will be competing in the Gold tier of the State rounds in Jan 2016.

Bravo Zulu



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



New Members Reporting Aboard during 1st quarter 2015: **SA Peckham, SN Spurlock, MK3 Stevens, FA Carvajal, and SA Fraughton.**

Qualifications during 1st quarter 2015:

Communications Watchstander: **SN Spurlock**

33' SPC-LE Pursuit Crew Member: **BM2 Mann and MK3 Lawrence**

45' RBM Pursuit Crew Member: **BM3 Williams, MK3 Martinez, and BM1 Lopez**

45' RBM Crew Member: **BM3 Mondrala, BM3 Sulzinger, SA Thomas, SA Ancelmo, and BM3 Donnelly**

33' SPC-LE Crew Member: **SA Owens, BM3 Shelton, SN Gonzalez-Terron, and BM3 Donnelly**

45' RBM Pursuit Coxswain: **BM1 Lopez and BM1 White**

45' RBM Coxswain: **BM3 Natividad**

Boarding Team Member: **FN Lamon, FN McMullen and MK3 Martinez**

Unit Events during 2015:

Veteran's Day:

CG Station South Padre members attended local events on South Padre Island, Port Isabel, Laguna Vista, Brownsville, and Harlingen.

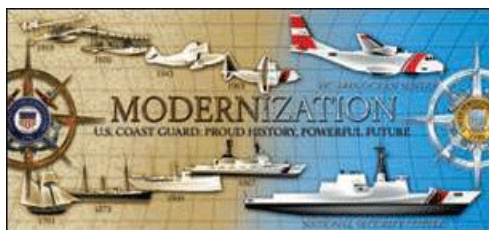
Hosted Harlingen High School South Air Force JROTC Cadet Corps in August 2015 where the cadets learned about different careers in the Coast Guard, the Station's operations, equipment, the impact the CG has to local communities as well as the impact to the Nation.

Thanksgiving 2015:

Members of **CG Station South Padre Island** participated in the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Madre's Annual Thanks-For-Giving event in which the Station provided food preparation for over 300 people in need within the local area.

Station South Padre Island hosted their Annual Christmas Party on Friday, 4 December 2015, plus we sponsored a month long food donation for the **Local Area Food Bank** that resulted in about a 100 pounds of non-perishable foods being made available to needy families within the local area.

Additionally Station SPI entertained junior high and elementary level school children from Port Isabel, Laguna Vista, Los Fresnos, Brownsville, and Harlingen elementary and middle school field trips.





GOOD NEWS FOR SOMALI PIRATES: OUR NAVY IS STRETCHED TOO THIN.

America asks its Navy to respond to a growing number of crises around the world. Yet, we've been underfunding our fleet for years.

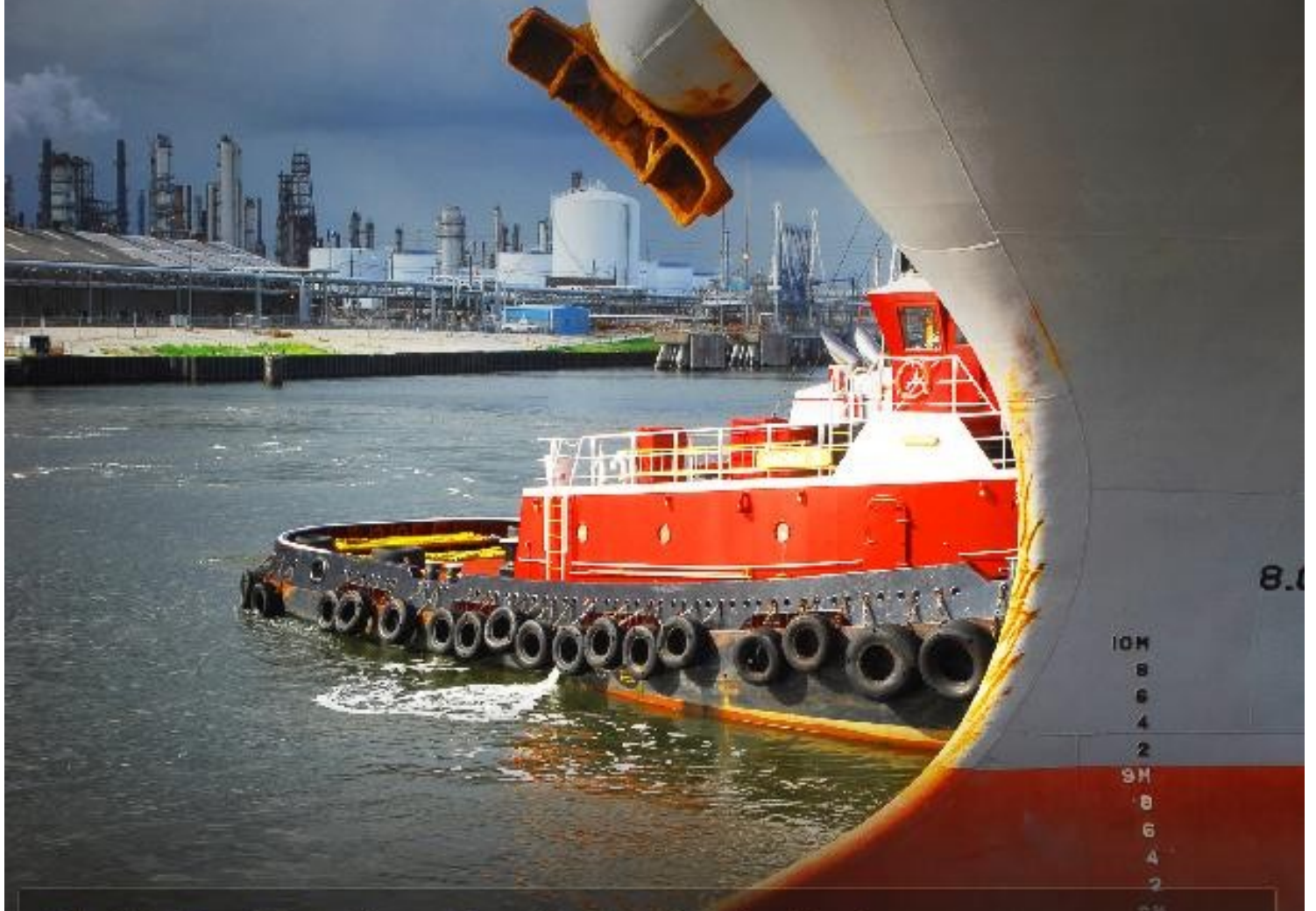
With 80% of the world's trade conducted by sea, including 60% of America's imports and exports, we can't afford a watered down Navy. Tell Congress you support increasing funding now. Waiting only makes us that much more vulnerable.

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



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THANK YOU!!

Membership is open to U. S. citizens who are not on active duty with any military service.

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New Member's Council

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MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (please check one):

- Regular Individual (1yr) \$65.00
- Regular Individual (2yr) \$117.00
- Regular Individual (3yr) \$175.00
- Husband/Wife (1yr) \$117.00
- Life (to age 55) \$1000.00
- Life (age 56-75) \$750.00
- Life (age 76+) \$500.00
- Active Duty Spouse \$30.00
- Student \$25.00
- Community Affiliate (Application) \$460.00

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