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November &
December 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 25 Christmas
2015
- Jan 01 New Years Day
- Jan 08 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Office/Director's
Lunch/Meeting, 1130, Allegro
Bay Restaurant.
- Feb 05 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
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- Feb 12 Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 16 President's Day
- Feb 22 Washington's Birthday

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.

Renewed: Amy O. & Charles M. KAUTZ (8 years)

Thank you for your continued support!!

President's Corner
"Bull's Eye"



2013
Officers/Directors:

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

Dusty Walker (Vice
President)

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(Treasurer) (**Lone
Star Regional
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Director)

Pete Perkins
(Secretary)

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(Honorary Director)
Steve Morehead

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are in the midst of planning our 17th Annual Coast Guard Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards/BBQ which is scheduled for **10 April 2015**. As we nail down more details I'll disseminate them as quickly as possible. This is a super event where we highlight the true super stars of the Corpus Christi Sector. Please note this date on your calendar.

We hope to make a quick trip to the Valley in February to visit the NJROTCs in the area and Coast Guard Station South Padre Island. We always enjoy this trip!

Your **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** continues to support the JROTC units and our Coast Guard family.

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, please forward them to me, thank you.

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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!

Vickie ABREGO (16 years, 12/31/14), **Nancy L. BULGES** (8 years, 12/31/14), **Jackie & Jeff CARLSON** (5 years, 03/31/15), **Thomas DePUMA** (8 years, 02/28/15), **Teri FICKEN** (8 years, 03/31/15), **Kalee FULLER** (2 years, 03/31/15), **Phyllis & John LIBERTI** (9 years, 03/31/15), and **Gary P. YTREEIDE** (7 years, 10/31/14).

If there is an error above, please contact **Bull Walker [790-7337 (H), 463-1201 (C), or dustybulltx@gmail.com]** as soon as possible—**THANK YOU.**

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 **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), Oralía & 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), Suzy **WILLIAMS** (1973), Ronald R. **WOODRUFF** (2001), and Carl D. **WORKMAN** (2002).

Total of 61!



The **Rockport-Fulton High School Navy Junior ROTC** has continued our busy schedule with drill and physical fitness competitions as well as community service events throughout the fall semester. In November, we ventured forth to Seguin, TX for the “Veterans Day Classic,” enjoying a fun-filled drill meet, where our **Mixed Color Guard** earned a **1st Place trophy** and the **Male Color Guard** took a **3rd Place trophy**. Additionally, our **Unarmed Drill Team** took a **3rd Place trophy** for Overall Unarmed Drill performance...a great result given the very strong, competitive field at Seguin!

We followed that up by participating in the annual Aransas Pass “Panther Challenge” Leadership and Physical Fitness Meet. Our NJROTC did extremely well on the Obstacle Course event, taking a **1st Place trophy**, and then the **Academic Team** placed **2nd** and brought home some additional “hardware!!” Just missing out on the trophy allotment was the **Tug-of-War Team**, who placed **4th** and the **Marksmanship Team**, who took **5th** against some outstanding competition.

Lastly, the RFHS NJROTC stormed into Southwest High School in San Antonio on Saturday, Dec 6th, for the annual Sea Dragon Classic JROTC drill meet, intent on qualifying for the Area 10 Texas State Championship Drill Meet for the 5th consecutive year. And that is exactly what we did. Rockport garnered a **3rd Place trophy** for **Overall Performance** in the drill meet against **31** other Army, Navy, and Air Force JROTC high schools, including some nationally-recognized powerhouse units from the San Antonio/South Texas area. Rockport had its most consistent performance of the year, earning a **2nd Place trophy** for **Male Color Guard** and placing in the Top 5 for all Color Guards as well as **Academics**, placing in the **Top 10** in both Unarmed and Armed Drill, and a **Top 15** showing for **Physical Fitness**. We also spent Friday, Dec 5th, at Lackland AFB, observing the AF Boot Camp Graduation ceremony, as well as a Working Dog demonstration, a quick shopping trip at the local AAFES and lunch on base.

The NJROTC in November had another well-received Veterans Day Assembly at the Martha Luigi Auditorium where we recognized veterans currently serving in the high school on our faculty and staff. The entire student body and local veterans’ organizations attend this annual event and it is easy to see how proud our students are of the veterans working at the high school.



Following that event, the NJROTC rode a bus over to the city Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park where we presented the colors as well as stood in formation alongside our local veterans’ groups. Additionally, we were very privileged to host **Sgt. Mike Otis**, a

local firefighter and former Navy and current Army Reservist, in a reenlistment ceremony held in the NJROTC Annex at the high school. **Captain Jeff Carlson**, the Senior Instructor of the NJROTC, was reenlisting officer and Sgt. Otis' son, **Cadet Seaman Apprentice Noah Otis**, a freshman in the RFHS NJROTC, stood beside his dad during the Oath of Enlistment.



Like an early Christmas present, the NJROTC received a visit in early December by former cadet and now US Navy sailor, **Ashley Sims**. Ashley graduated from RFHS in June 2014, attended Navy Boot Camp in August and then Aviation Boatswainsmate "A" School in Pensacola, FL, finishing up in late November. Home on HARP duty (Hometown Area Recruiting Program), she stopped in to talk to the cadets about the Navy, her time in Boot Camp and "A" School, and her first duty station, USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74),

homeported in Bremerton, WA. Good luck, Ashley!! We are proud of you!!

(Armed Drill Team prepares to perform at Seguin High School Drill Meet)



DRILL TEAMS.

The Armed and Unarmed Drill Teams have been busy practicing for competitions. They competed on 8 November at the Seguin High School Drill Meet and on 5 December at Southwest High School in San Antonio. Both team performances were respectable but that State Qualifying Card still eludes them. However, every practice makes them a little better and hopefully; they can get their state



qualification at the upcoming Coastal Bend Classic Drill Meet in Corpus Christi.

(San Benito NJROTC conduct the Veterans Day Celebration at Veterans Memorial Academy)

VETERANS DAY. The unit participated in three different Veterans Day Ceremonies to honor Veterans on 11 November. The Cadets participated at San Benito High School's Veterans Day Ceremony, then off to the San Benito City Parade for the city's celebration, and finally at Veterans Memorial Academy for the biggest celebration conducted by the NJROTC Unit.



(Cadets stand in line for Thanksgiving Turkey and the trimmings)

THANKSGIVING PICNIC. On 15 November, the **NJROTC Instructors** had a Thanksgiving Picnic for **NJROTC Cadets**

to show their appreciation for the Cadet's hard work prior to the holiday periods collecting can food items and monetary donations for the local food pantries. Turkey along with all the trimmings and desserts was had by all. Now, to work off all that food!!

(San Benito Cadets work as a Team at the Lava Pit drill during the Panther Challenge)



PANTHER CHALLENGE. On 22 November, **San Benito NJROTC** attended the Aransas Pass High School annual "Panther Challenge". Over 20 Navy, Army and Marine Corps JROTC Teams were represented. The Panther Challenge consisted of nine different events from Academics Testing, Orienteering, Obstacle Courses, Marksmanship and a Tug-of-War. **San Benito NJROTC LCC Team #1** won the "First Place" Trophy in the Leadership Confidence. **San Benito NJROTC CFT Team #1** won the "First Place" Trophy in the Combat Fitness Test Male Category. Cadet **Josiah Alcala** was singled out with a "Gold Medal" for being the fastest "Male" in the **Combat Fitness Test Ammo Box Lift**. Cadet **Geneva Rivas** also won a "Gold Medal" for being the fastest Female in the **Combat Fitness Test**. Over 33 Cadets represented **San Benito NJROTC** in the nine events at the Panther Challenge and helped San Benito capture the **Second Place "Overall" Trophy for the Challenge**.

(CDR Mike Hale presents the Bravo Zulu pennant to San Benito NJROTC Cadets)

ANNUAL MILITARY INSPECTION. On 17 December, **San Benito NJROTC** had their Annual Military Inspection. **CDR Mike Hale**, the Area Ten Manager, was the Inspector. The event consisted of Personnel Inspection, Marching, Pass-



in-Review and a review of Administrative Records. **After months of preparation, at the end of the day, Commander Hale awarded San Benito NJROTC a grade of "Overall Outstanding". Congratulations go out to all Cadets.**

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS SHOUT-OUT. San Benito NJROTC Cadets and Instructors would like to give out a big shout out to all Navy League members and wish them a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.** Please be safe during this celebratory period.

HELP US BUILD OUR NAVY LEAGUE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP! Use the form below or go to our website www.navyleagueingleside.org and sign someone up. Either bring it and the person(s) to our next All-Hands function or **mail it to the address below**. This will ensure that the individual gets future newsletters as soon as possible.

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THANKS YOU!!

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