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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jun 18 | US Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi Change of Command | Sep 15 | IRS Quarterly Tax due |
| Jun 20 | Father's Day ** | Sep 17 | Constitution Day ** |
| Jul 04 | INDEPENDENCE DAY ** | Sep 18 | US Air Force Birthday (1947) |
| Jul 27 | Korean War Veterans Day ** | Sep 26 | Gold Star Mother's Day ** |
| Aug 04 | US Coast Guard Birthday (1790) ** | | Daylight Savings Time ends |
| Aug 05 | INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL OF-FICER/DIRECTOR'S Luncheon, Paradise Key, 1130 | Oct 11 | Columbus Day ** |
| Aug 14 | V-J Day (1945) ** | Oct 13 | US Navy Birthday (1775) ** |
| Sep 06 | Labor Day ** | Oct 27 | Navy Day ** |
| Sep 11 | Patriot's Day ** | | |

NOTE: ** opportunities to fly our flag

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

(Anniversary Date of Renewal/Years as Member)

NLUS has updated/modernized the old On-Line-Community, the program that we use to update our local records. Now you have the option to update your own records. Log-on to the Navy League website (www.navyleague.org), register, then you have access to all your membership information. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Bull Walker [463-1201 (C)], or dustybulltx@gmail.com] THANK YOU.

Craig HOLLINGSHEAD (08/31/21, 3 yrs), Vic MEDINA (07/31/21, 20+ yrs), and Dennis ROBERTS (08/31/21, 39 yrs)



Welcome Aboard CAPTAIN HANS GOVERTSEN, Commander United States Sector Corpus Christi

The **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** got back to "work" in April. On the 30th we held our 22nd Annual Coast Guard Awards Ceremony and BBQ at their headquarters (Valent Hall) at the Corpus Christi International Airport. We fed more than 150 folks and had a great time. We awarded 5 Coast Guard personnel as the **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** Junior Officer, Petty Officer, Junior Member, Reserve Petty Officer, and Civilian of the Year. Pictures are included later in this issue. A huge debt of gratitude is due to "**Bo**" **Bowman** who volunteered his 40' BBQ pit for the occasion! The second consecutive time he has done so and it makes our "job" so much easier and fun. Thank you **Bo**!!

In May we were scheduled to go to the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen to present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Award but had to cancel at the last minute due to health issues. All of the JROTCs that we sponsor received their awards via the postal service and held their awards ceremonies virtually.

On Memorial Day the Republican Party of Rockport dedicated a bench to our pal **Felix Keeley**. There was a great turn-out and his kids attended from San Antonio and Dallas. The bench could not have been placed better, it is on the Rockport Harbor so Felix can oversee all the goings on... There are pictures later in this issue.

As we enter the summer months (hurricane season) please take stock of what is important to you, have a plan, and prepare for the worse and hope for the best.

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

Dusty Walker (Vice President)

Pete Perkins (Secretary)

Steve Morehead

LIFE MEMBERS

(Year became LIFE members)

Nancy **ALLEN** (1988), Karen **CERVENKA** (1997), John F. **CHAPMAN** (2003), 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), Judy & David **HAWLEY** (2002), Jim **ISELL** (2000), Pamela H. & Ronald E. **JORGENSEN** (1996), Barbara & George **KAIN** (1992), Upinder **KAMAL** (2001), Cassy B. **KEY** (2001), Larry C. **KEY** (2001), Vickie L. & Dr. Paul W. **LOEFFLER** (1999), Josephine **MILLER** (1989), John **MILLER** (1989), William M. **MILLER** (2007), Steve **MOREHEAD** (2008), Dr. 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 & Dr. 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 49

Bench dedicated in Keeley's honor



Aransas County Republican Party Chairman Ric Young, left photo, led the dedication of a memorial bench at Veterans Memorial Park in honor of the late Felix Keeley. The brief ceremony was held prior to the annual Memorial Day Observance. On hand were Keeley's siblings, right, from left, Elizabeth Miller, Michael P. Keeley, and Kelly K. Flynn.

Photos by MIKE PROBST



Taken from the Rockport Pilot Newspaper.

The location of the bench is at the Rockport Harbor in Veteran's Memorial



The inscription on the bench:

**FELIX KEELEY U.S. NAVY RETIRED
OCT 14, 1938— SEPT 23, 2020**



Los Fresnos wishes all a safe and happy summer break. Los Fresnos was designated a Distinguished Unit for the 19th consecutive year. Another great year despite the pandemic. Currently enjoying the scuttlebutt enjoyed at our South Texas Leadership Academy. Great time had by all . Chief Marquez



WELCOME ABOARD CAPTAIN HANS GOVERTSEN



Commander, United States Coast Guard Sector Corpus Christi

Captain Hans Govertsen recently served as Eighth District Resources Branch Chief. The Eighth Coast Guard District, headquartered in New Orleans, LA covers all or part of 26 states throughout the Gulf Coast and heartland of America. Part of Department of Homeland Security, the men and women of the Eighth District are vital to protecting the 1,200 miles of coastline and 10,300 miles of inland navigable waterways located in their area of responsibility.

Captain Govertsen graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1997 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Following graduation, his first assignment was as an Engineering Officer In Training and Damage Control Assistant aboard USCGC RUSH, based in Honolulu, HI. He was selected for Naval Flight Training, and received his Wings of Gold from NAS Pensacola in 2001.

Captain Govertsen's first aviation tour was at Group-Air Station Atlantic City, where he achieved the status as Aircraft Commander in the MH-65B and MH-65C. As one of the inaugural Rotary Wing Air Intercept (RWAI) pilots, he participated in the initial Coast Guard / Secret Service initiative to guard National Special Security Events (NSSE's). In 2005, he was selected for the Aeronautical Engineering Officer program, and transferred to Air Station Borinquen, PR, where he completed the Aeronautical Engineering Officer syllabus while serving as the Assistant Aviation Engineering Officer. He supported D7 and JIATF South anti-migrant and counter-drug operations in the Caribbean Sea. Following the landfall of Tropical Storm Noel in the Dominican Republic, he guided a crew of six through flood recovery operations that resulted in 19 lives saved and assisting 7,100 people. In 2008, he transferred to Air Station New Orleans as the Aeronautical Engineering Officer. While there, he qualified as an Instructor Pilot/Flight Evaluator. He provided humanitarian response following Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, the Haitian earthquake of 2010 and the Coast Guard's recovery efforts following the Deepwater Horizon Oil Rig explosion and subsequent oil spill.

In 2011, **Captain Govertsen** was selected to attend the Aeronautical Engineering Master's Program at Purdue University with a focus in Aviation Structures. In 2013 he completed the Master's Degree and was assigned as a member of the rotating military faculty in the Mechanical Engineering Section at the Coast Guard Academy. From 2013-2016, he taught cadets in Engineering, Math, Leadership and Principles of Aviation and established



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2020
Junior Member of the Year
SN Dasha JENNINGS
To the left is the Deputy Commander
CAPT Jason Gunning and in the back-
ground (L-R) is **Steve Morehead, Bo
Bowman, and Cal Jennings.**



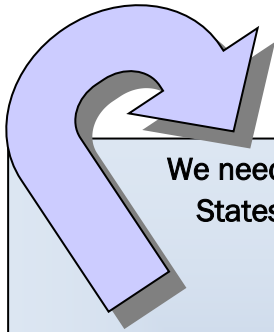


2020
Petty Officer of the Year
MST1 Phillip M. HARRIS



2020
Civilian of the Year
Jay FLORES





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 tradition 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!

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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