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March & April
2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 08 V-E Day (1945)
May 18 Armed Forces Day
May 22 National Maritime Day
May 27 Memorial Day
Jun 06 **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL**
Officer/Director's Meeting, 1130,
La Luna (106 South Austin,
Rockport), Rockport.
D Day (1944)
Jun 14 Flag Day
US Army Birthday (1775)
Jun 16 Father's Day
Jun 19-22 NLUS Annual Convention,
Long Beach, CA

IMPORTANT :

- The May Officer/Director Meeting is cancelled
- Check out the 15th Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards/BBQ results and pictures in this newsletter!

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 - no new members this period.

Renewed: Jackie & Jeff CARLSON (3 years) and Teri & "Andy" FICKEN (11 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)

Felix Keeley
(Treasurer)
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Pete Perkins
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Bill Janeczek
(Honorary Director)
Steve Morehead

Our 15th Annual Junior Officer/Sailor/Junior Sailor of the Year Awards and BBQ was a hit! Sincere thanks to H-E-B, our sole sponsor!! We could not have had such a successful event without your assistance.

Thanks to **Pete Perkins, Felix Keeley, and Pat Rios** who helped with the cooking and serving. **Lieutenant Commander David Gomez, USCG Harbor Facility**, was the perfect host - thank you so much, a perfect venue for the event!! It was wonderful to have **INGLESIDE AREA COUNCIL** members **Billie and Clayton POENISCH** in attendance - hope y'all had a good time.

The 2012 Awardees **MST 3 Scott THOMAS, AET 1 Cody LEEPER,** and **Lieutenant Joshua SAGERS** attended. We also had the Sector Commander **Captain Sam CREECH**, Deputy Commander **Captain Randal OGRYDZIAK, Command Master Chief Phillip ROY,** and a host of Coasties from both the Facility and the Coast Guard Station. Thanks to all for attending. We did not forget those who were watch standing - we sent plenty of food for them to enjoy...

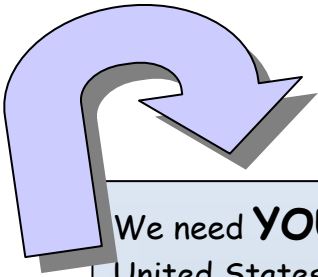
A special thanks goes to **Charles Dekle**, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, for all the photos! BRAVO ZULU!!

We are planning trips in May in support of NJROTC, MCJROTC Award Ceremonies, and the USCG Station South Padre Island. We will award cadets from Rockport-Fulton HS, San Benito Veterans Memorial Academy, McAllen Memorial HS, and the Marine Military Academy with the Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal.

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 Office 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).

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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 continued support!

Maryann & Ozel COX (7 years, 05/31/13), **Melissa C. FISHER** (4 years, 07/31/13), **Don B. HANKS** (14 years, 07/31/13), **Phyllis & John LIBERTI** (7 years, 03/31/13), **Patrick RIOS** (1 year, 05/31/13), and **Esther P. WILLIAMS** (9 years, 04/30/13).

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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), Nan **HONEY** (2005), Martha & Jim **ISEBELL** (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 **WILLEFORD-KEMP** (1992), Suzy **WILLIAMS** (1973), Ronald R. **WOODRUFF** (2001), and Carl D. **WORKMAN** (2002).

Total of 62!



On March 9 the San Benito NJROTC provided both the color guard and parking assistance for the Texas Independence Day Parade and Celebration. Many participants dressed in costumes while reenacting the battles of the Texas Revolution.

Next we assisted with the first annual San Benito City Easter Day parade at Resaca Trails. The cadets assisted manning booths, serving as "body guards" for the Easter Bunny, registration, and crowd control.

April brought our annual Military inspection. It

was most successful! Additionally the cadets will support the Rio Grands Valley Autism Awareness Walk/Run. They will man the game and food booths and act as safety personnel "corralling" children from the Resaca.



Cadet/ENS Javier Serrata drills "Golf" Platoon

Chief Timothy Wilson presents a "Bravo Zulu" medal to Cadet/LT Virginia Moreno





The Rockport-Fulton High School Navy Junior ROTC began its Spring Season with a First Place Trophy in the All-Male Division and a Second Place Trophy in the Co-Ed Division at Texas A&M - Corpus Christi's Army ROTC "Islander Challenge" Physical Fitness Competition.



Additionally, we are preparing our cadets for our upcoming NJROTC Summer Camps, both the Leadership Academy for our upperclassmen, and Basic Leadership Training for our first year cadets. Each camp is one week long and held in June on the campus of Texas A&M – Kingsville, where the cadets get a taste of college life as well as a tour of NAS Kingsville. We also are getting ready to say goodbye to our first, four year class of *Plankowners* as graduation approaches on 31 May. Thirteen cadets from the inaugural group that started the unit four years ago will be heading off to parts unknown. They have been the backbone of this unit for so long we will miss them tremendously but we wish them luck in all their endeavors. Of the total 18 graduating seniors in the unit, 6 have already enlisted in the military...4 in the Navy, 2 in the Marine Corps. Others are still hoping and working on it!



We will be doing our biggest fundraiser of the year in May when we work the Rockport Wine and Food Festival at the Texas Maritime Museum on Saturday and Sunday, Memorial Day weekend. This is a fun and exciting event to be a part of and our cadets look forward to it every year. We try to fill up our Spring months with small field trips, color guard opportunities, and community service events to keep the kids involved and

motivated. We will be providing the Color Guard for the Corpus Christi Hooks on April 18th, the American Legion Regional Conference on April 20th, and the Rotary International District Conference at Paws and Taws on May 3rd. Lastly we will have our NJROTC End of Year Awards Dinner on May 10th at the High School to recognize our cadets' achievements and those receiving awards including the Navy League Youth Medal given to our Cadet of the Year, and announce our staff leadership for the following year. Have a great Spring!

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Coasties filing in to the Harbor Facility

Ingleside Area Council members BILLIE & CLAYTON POENISCH joining for lunch – thank you for your support!!



CAPT Sam Creech, Commander Sector Corpus Christi, addressing his troops



Award winners, spouses, cooks, CAPT Creech (center, back row), and Master Chief Philip Roy, Command Master Chief for the Sector (front row, far right)



Rachel Sagers, Lieutenant Joshua Sagers (Junior Officer of the Year), AET 1 Cody Leeper (Sailor of the Year), MST 3 Scott Thomas (Junior Sailor of the Year), and Melissa Joy Thomas.

Award winners with CAPT Creech and Master Chief Roy




Photos are courtesy of Charles Dekle, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary – THANKS CHARLES!!

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!!

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

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- o Check enclosed (MAKE PAYABLE TO NLUS)
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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (please check one)

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- o Regular TWO YEAR \$90.00
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