

Kingsville Council of the Navy League

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Our Mission, Goals, & Membership

The Kingsville Council of the Navy League (KCNL) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) civilian organization with over 110 members. Our Council was founded in 1955 with the mission to support our Adopted Units (listed below). The Navy League of the United States, our national parent organization, with over 30,000 members worldwide, was founded in 1902 with the support of former President Theodore Roosevelt, with the mission to support military members, and their families, of our nation's Sea Services: U.S. Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard, and U.S.-flag Merchant Marines.

The goal of the Kingsville Council is threefold: to improve the quality of life of the members and their families of our adopted units, to support youth programs, and to educate the public about the need for our nation's Sea Services. **Educate. Advocate. Support.**

Our 6 adopted units and their leaders are:

- NAS Kingsville (NASK): CAPT Michael Bishop, USN
- Training Air Wing TWO (TW-2): CAPT Aaron Rybar, USN
- USS Kingsville (LCS 36): CDR Ludwig Mann III, USN
- Training Squadron 21 (VT-21): CDR M. Hooten, USN
- Training Squadron 22 (VT-22): CDR C. Hanson, USN
- Donna ISD MCJROTC: SgtMaj Jose Romero, USMC, Ret.

If you would like to join us in our mission, please visit the national Navy League website at www.navyleague.org to start the application process and/or contact one of our 13 Directors or our President, Charlie Ratliff (361-455-5494), for additional information. 2025 Directors are:

Jeanie Alexander	Dianne Leubert (Secretary)
Barbara Denney	*Dick Messbarger
Tom Denney	Fred Neusch
Randy Foust	Charlie Ratliff (President)
Kim Hamm (Treasurer)	*Brooke Spitzer
Lance Hamm	Buddy Windham (Vice President)
*Alan Harwell	(*Newly Elected for 2025)

Our Board of Directors and All-Hands Membership meetings/luncheons normally start at 12 noon at the Cherry Tree Tea Room Restaurant in downtown Kingsville, Texas. Tentative 2025 meeting dates are: 09Jan, 06Feb, 03Apr, 05Jun, 07Aug, 02Oct, and 04Dec (subject to change).

Thank You to Our Donors & Volunteers

A big **THANK YOU** to our donors for supporting our mission and ultimately improving the quality of life of our local Sailors, Marines, and JROTC Cadets. Our gracious (2024 & earlier) donors are listed alphabetically:

- Baffin Bay Seafood Restaurant (Member/Yearly Gift Cards)
- Boeing (Major Goshawk Ball Sponsor & Yearly Donor)
- Bray's Smokehouse Restaurant (Gift Cards)
- Cherry Tree Tea Room Restaurant (Use of Venue, Donor)
- Dodds, Scott (Member Donor)
- Domus Development LLC (Eric Jakimier, Member/Donor)
- Ed Rachal Foundation (Major Donor)
- El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant (Yearly Gift Cards)
- Fidelity Technologies (Sponsor of Goshawk Ball)
- Frank, Jonathan & Barbara (Major Artistic Donors)
- Gilcrease Foundation (Major Annual Donor)
- Hahn & Oldham, PC (Members/Major Donors)
- Hamm, Lance & Kim (Member Donors)
- Harrel's Kingsville Pharmacy (Member/Yearly Gift Cards)
- H.E.B. Donna, TX (Donor for Special Projects)
- H.E.B. Kingsville, TX (Donor for Special Projects)
- King Barbershop (Yearly Gift Cards)
- King Ranch Family (Major Donor)
- Kingsville CrossFit (Gift Cards)
- Las Vegas Bingo, Corpus Christi (Major Annual Donor)
- President's Office, TAMUK (Major Sponsor of Tailgates+)
- Rolls Royce (Corporate Affiliate & Yearly Donor)
- Texas Rose Rentals LLC (Rose Damron, Member Donor)
- The Tailhook Association (Annual Top Hook Gift Cards)
- Ultra Screen Printing & More (Members/Major Donor)
- V2X (Major Sponsor of TW-2 Goshawk Ball)
- Woman's Club of Kingsville – Athena Dept.
- Yaklin, Dennis and Lynn (Member/Donors)
- Young's Pizza and Bar (Yearly Gift Cards)

A big **THANK YOU** is also extended to our many volunteers throughout the year. Along with our Board of Directors, about one-fourth of our membership cadre are volunteers &/or donors that help with our yearly events. Without their time & effort our mission would not be successful.

THANKS again to our gracious donors and volunteers!

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About Us

The Kingsville Council of the Navy League is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) civilian organization comprised of over 110 local citizens, some with military backgrounds and most without. Our mission is to improve the quality of life of sea service personnel, and their families, attached to our 6 adopted units (listed on previous page).

Our mission is primarily achieved by the Kingsville Council hosting social events, giving awards for outstanding achievement, and providing monetary support to many successful programs, events, and organizations. Our support activity allows sea service personnel to spend more time with family & friends and less time involved in exhaustive off-duty fundraising. Our support also reduces their out-of-pocket expenses for extracurricular activities and many special events throughout the year. We believe these benefits provide an extreme morale boost to those we support.

2024 in Review

Last year in 2024 the Kingsville Navy League supported our adopted units in the amount of \$29,000. We held a very successful membership drive which increased our membership by over 30%. We now stand at over 110 members strong. 2024's highlight was the Commissioning & Adoption of the USS Kingsville which was well documented in our 2024 3rd Quarter Newsletter.

You're Invited to Join Us

You can be a member today! We are a civilian nonprofit organization, and no prior military service is required. Active-duty service members are now permitted to join.

All membership applications are submitted online through the national Navy League website listed below. Subscription to SEAPOWER magazine & other benefits are listed on that website.

To join the Kingsville Council, be sure to list **KINGSVILLE** as your preferred council on the membership application form.

Electronic 1-year:	\$25
Regular 1-year:	\$55
Regular 2-year:	\$100
Regular 3-year:	\$130



<https://www.navyleague.org/become-a-member/>
YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US! Scan QR Code and start your membership application today. Welcome aboard!

Milestones/Programs/Events

- In 2024, \$29,000 in Giving (\$13K in 2023, \$19K in '22).
Our annual giving is not possible without our donors. Thanks!
- Help sponsor Navy Ball, Marine Corps Ball, Goshawk Ball, Holiday Gift Cards, and Other Special Events to help reduce expenses & admission costs of service members & families.
- Host Sailor of the Year and Sailor of the Quarter luncheons, award certificates, and provide other gifts of appreciation.
- Donor to Wings Over South Texas, Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall, and other community educational events.
- Provide direct contributions to the Chief Petty Officers Association, First Class Petty Officers Association, Junior Enlisted Association, NAS Kingsville Recreation Committee, NAS Kingsville Honor Guard, and other organizations.
- Sponsor Navy League of the United States Kingsville Council **Hahn Memorial Scholarship**; applications available from Nov-Feb to sea service members, their dependents, and Navy/Marine Corps JROTC participants seeking full-time enrollment at Texas A&M University – Kingsville.
- Sponsor & present the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal to outstanding Cadets participating in Junior ROTC Programs.
- Support of Navy Relief and Operation School Supply.
- Sponsor Student Naval Aviator Socials, Winging Events, and Winging Awards (Commodore's List & Top Hook plaques).
- Sponsor NASK MWR Fourth of July Celebration, Javelina Football Tailgate Socials, and other NASK MWR events.
- Honored to be the recipient of National Navy League Council Awards (presented in June) including 2023 Meritorious Council and 2023 Sea Service Adoption Excellence Award.

Contact Us

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