

# EVERYDAY

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# HEROES



## KATY'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN THE MILITARY



### Morton Ranch 2007 Graduate Earns Appointment to Naval Academy

This February, Brian Moore, a member of the first graduating class of Morton Ranch High School, received his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Moore received a call from the office of Congressman Michael McCaul informing him that he would be receiving a fully qualified appointment. "I was so pumped to hear that I got in!" says Moore. "I've worked so hard for such a long time for this opportunity."

This July, Moore will be joining the best of the best — the Brigade of Midshipmen — on a journey that he is determined will challenge and shape him into a powerful leader in the United States Navy.

### Famous Photo

Judge Carl B. Bentley of Fulshear (right), a charter member of VFW Post 9182, took the podium briefly at a recent veterans meeting to present the post with a framed copy of a famous wartime photo: raising the flag at Iwo Jima. Vern Babcock, post commander (center), and Lawrence "Scotty" Croom accepted the photo for the post. Croom, the museum executive chair, said the photo would be on display in the Veterans Memorial Museum. The photo shows several Marines raising the United States flag atop Mt. Suribachi right after the hill was secured.

Bentley served as justice of the peace for 30 years, then as city judge for Fulshear, all after "island-hopping" in the WW2 Pacific Theater of Operations. He was among a group of veterans who formed Post 9182 in the Katy area in 1947. (VFW photo/Tom Journey)



### West Point Signing

Lindsay Gordon, J.E. Taylor High School senior, accepted her nomination from Congressman Michael T. McCaul to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point. She will play soccer and study mechanical engineering. Lindsay reports to cadet basic training June 30. Looking on are parents Doug and Merrilee Gordon, brother Drew Gordon, Taylor High School principal David Kendler, Taylor soccer coach Mark Kluppel, Texas Premier FC soccer trainer Dylan Glad, and soccer manager Jeff Dismuke.



### U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Train with Texas Army National Guard

Members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Katy Division, recently trained over a weekend with members of the Texas Army National Guard. On day one, the Sea Cadets trained side-by-side with new Guard members in the Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) also known as pre-boot camp. Guard members and Sea Cadets performed physical training together (push-ups, sit-ups, and running) and completed a physical training test. They disassembled and reassembled (field-stripped) M-16 rifles, shot M-16 rifles using laser beams to record hits on pop-up targets, and learned about the core values of the Army.

The Katy Division Sea Cadets are sponsored by VFW Post 9182 in Katy. For more information, contact Ensign Thomas Cloud, t.cloud@sbcglobal.net or visit the Website at [www.katyseacadets.org](http://www.katyseacadets.org).

Above, left to right, Cadets Auston Cloud, Joe Littlefield, and Eric Hayes shooting M-16s on the Texas National Guard's indoor laser range