



KATY LACROSSE CLUB BEGINS SECOND SEASON.

High school-aged young men who live in the zoned area of Katy High School, either attending public or private schools, or those who are home schooled can become a member of the Katy lacrosse team.

The 2007-08 season was a tremendous success. Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport among junior and senior high

programs in Texas. Always known as a cold climate sport and played in the north, lacrosse has become popular in Houston and surrounding areas during the last 10 years.

The sport of lacrosse is demanding in regards to specific skills, such as speed, agility, coordination and endurance, often likened to many techniques known in soccer, basketball and hockey. In lacrosse, there are usually 25-40 players in a program.

Matt Spears will return as head coach this year. The team held an impressive 8-2 record for its first season. The young men playing for him appreciate the experience he brings from playing lacrosse at Texas A&M, as well as the Gulf Coast Men's Lacrosse Association.

Registration begins this summer, and season practices will begin in early August. Registration packets are available on the Web site at www.lacrosseatkaty.com or by e-mailing debbiedowdell@yahoo.com.



(L-R) Chokes R. Ursell and Bill Barry met during an Armed Forces Day program.

VFW MEMBERS PROVIDE ARMED FORCES DAY PROGRAM. It was flying time at Spanish Meadows during the observance of Armed Forces Day. VFW members staged a program for residents of the Katy nursing home, and during a get-acquainted cookie and punch session Spanish Meadows resident **Chokes R. Ursell** found he had a connection with VFW member **Bill Barry**.

Ursell flew B-25's in WW II, and later was a pilot for Pan American Airways for 29 years until his retirement. Barry sold oilfield service equipment in Central and South America after he left the service in 1946.

"It didn't take us long to figure out that during my travels in and out of cities in Brazil, Venezuela and Columbia, Charles was probably in the pilot's seat," Barry added.

Ursell was born in San Antonio and was a life-long resident of Corpus Christi. The flier said he soloed at the age of 9, getting his love of flying from his father who was a crop duster. After a short stretch at crop dusting, he began his Air Force and Pan Am flying career.



Naval Sea Cadet Patrick Fagan (Petty Officer 2nd Class) does as many push ups as he can in one minute, as fellow Sea Cadets and Texas National Guardsmen look on.



Sea Cadet Artiom Ryder holds his sister Yelena's ankles as she strains for one more sit up during physical training with the Texas National Guard.

U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS TRAIN WITH TEXAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

Members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Katy Division, trained with members of the Texas Army National Guard at the National Guard Armory in Houston.

The Sea Cadets trained side by side with new Guard members in the Guard's Recruit Sustainment Program. 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 also learned how to read military maps.

Ensign **Thomas Cloud**, commander of the Katy Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, said, "Our Sea Cadets trained shoulder to shoulder with Guard men and women and learned a lot from them."

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is a national organization teaching leadership skills and teamwork for youth 11-18 years old interested in learning about the U.S. Navy and the military way of life. While no military commitment is required, many U.S. Naval Sea Cadets eventually join the armed forces.

In addition to joint training exercises with the Texas National Guard, the Naval Sea Cadets have a wide range of training opportunities locally, within the United States, and internationally that provide an introduction to many different military and civilian occupations.

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