



Headquarters Update



LT. JAY DIEZ

By Lt. Jay Diez

On May 4, 2007, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement Academy graduated eleven cadets from class #21. Class #21 cadets are Thomas Ashley, Patrick Coleman, Harold Dunn, Timothy Fox, John Harrell, John Hendrix, Randy Lanoux, Gilbert Marcel, Daniel Varnado, Jonathan Verret and Myron Verret. Congratulations and good luck in the field.

On May 18, 2007, Cadets from the last two academies, as well as Agents from across the state, participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics is

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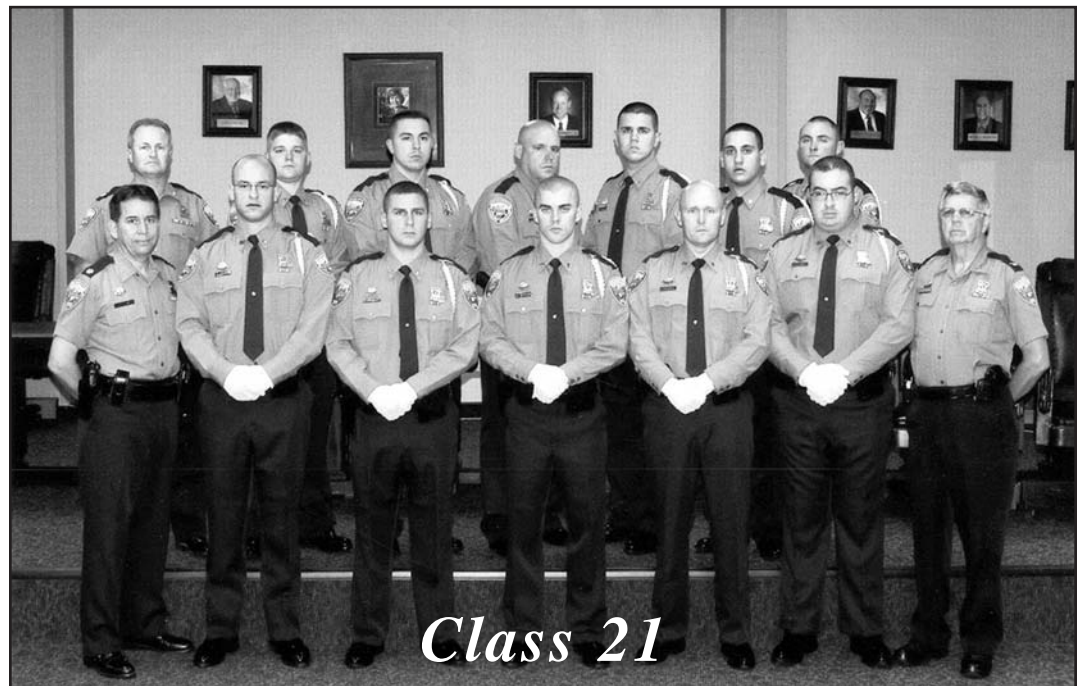
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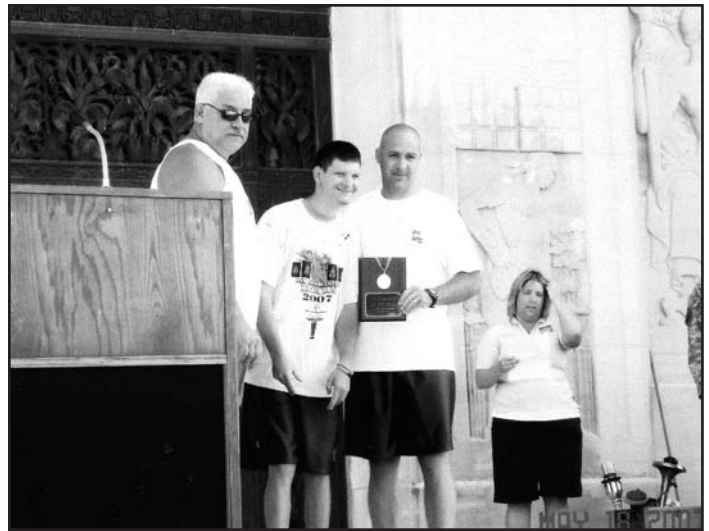
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The Boy Scouts of Troop 160 at St. Peter Parish in Covington have won the Istrouma Area Council Rifle Shooting Match for the third year in a row. The Match took place on April 14, 2007, in Gonzales and 9 teams from the Area Council participated. The Scouts from left to right are Brian Lozes, Bill Lozes, Jacob Frost, Michael Swords, Michael Carrigee and Austin




Agents and Cadets who participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run in Baton Rouge.



Sgt. Richard Purvis receives a plaque of appreciation from the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Montgomery. The Coaches from left to right are Robert Frost, Bill Lozes, Levere Montgomery and Chris Carrigee. The overall high score of the match was shot by Michael Carrigee and was 145/200.

On April 17th, Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman retired from the Enforcement Division with 26 years of service. Lt. Col. Spillman joined the Department as an Enforcement Agent in 1981 and served 12 years in the



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field, progressing to the rank of senior agent. In 1992 he was promoted to Lieutenant and began his administrative career as a fleet/budget officer. He was promoted to Captain in 1994 and attained the rank of Major in 1997, overseeing the Enforcement Division budget, fleet and purchasing activities. In 2004 he was promoted to Lt. Colonel.

Congratulations and best wishes on a long and enjoyable retirement.

On May 21, 2007, Major Jeff Mayne was promoted to Lt. Colonel. Congratulations Lt. Col. Mayne, we all look forward to working with you.



Lt. Col. Mayne receives his Silver Oak Leaves from Col. Vidrine.

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Invaluable Federal Assistance

By Sgt. Brian Theriot

When it comes to the issue of Law Enforcement training, you can never get too much of it; especially when it deals with testifying in a court of law. The United States Attorney's office, along with United States Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agent Phillip Siragusa, has played a valuable role in the training of Enforcement Cadets for nearly two decades. During this training, enforcement cadets

receive instruction in courtroom demeanor, examination tactics, and tips for testimony in both Judge and Jury trials.

All cadets involved in this courtroom testimony exercise receive investigative details based on actual cases which have been adjudicated in a Federal Courtroom. On the day of court, agents are called to the stand to testify on their respective cases. The role of Judge, Prosecutor, and Defense Attorney are played by actual Assistant



Assistant United States Attorneys receiving plaques of Appreciation from Col. Winton Vidrine.

United States' Attorneys. Following the testimony

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Continued from page 23 of the Enforcement Cadet, the cadet is bombarded with seemingly endless amounts of constructive criticism from all parties involved. This criticism is important so that the new officers can learn from their mistakes as well as from the mistakes of their peers.

During a recent exercise, representatives of the Enforcement Division presented plaques of appreciation to various members of the U.S. Attorney's office of the Western District of La., Lafayette Division. The Assistant United States Attorneys recognized were: Ms. Camille Domingue, Mr.

Joe Mickel, Mr. Luke Walker, and Mr. Howard Parker. Special Agent Phillip "Flip" Siragusa was also recognized for his valuable assistance in not only these courtroom scenarios, but in various training sessions throughout the training process of these enforcement cadets.

United States Attorney Donald Washington is deserving of thanks for allowing this courtroom training to occur in his facility and with the assistance of his staff.



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Snapper, Snapper and More Snapper

By Sgt. Todd Laviolette

Lt. Glen Gremillion, Sr. Agt. Ezekiel (Zeke) Talbert and I were working a federal fish patrol in the Gulf of Mexico in early March. We left from Grand Isle and had traveled out to the Midnight Lump where we checked about twenty fishing boats with very little luck. The fishermen were not having much luck catching fish and we were not having much luck catching outlaws.

We decided to head inshore toward the mouth of the Mississippi River to get

a little break from the rolling waves before we headed back to Grand Isle. After checking a few boats at Southwest Pass, we headed east through East Bay toward South Pass to try to change our luck. Then it happened. As we got into the federal waters of East Bay we could see a boat leaving from an oil rig in front of us. When we drew nearer to the boat I turned to Lt. Gremillion and told him that the driver looked familiar. We will call him DA. DA is a well known violator in the Plaquemines parish



Lt. Glenn Gremillion, Sgt. Todd Laviolette, Sr. Agent Ezekiel Talbert with over the limit Red Snapper.

and the New Orleans area.

We stopped him and noted that we were well into

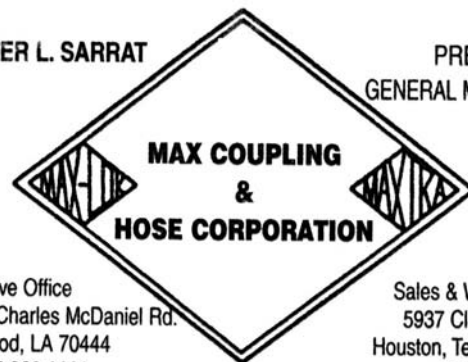
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federal waters. We asked DA if he and his friend had caught any fish. He told us that he had a few red fish in the box. Zeke and I boarded the boat and looked into the ice chest. Sure enough, he had four red drum inside. He also had some red snapper that he didn't mention. The red snapper season was not scheduled to open until April 21st. I counted and measured the fish in the box then asked if there were any more fish on board. DA didn't say anything about any more fish. He just made small talk. We looked in another ice chest and found more red snapper. I counted and measured those fish too. I thought we were finished, but as Zeke turned and

looked in the cabin of the boat he saw another ice chest. He asked DA if there were any fish in that ice chest. Again, DA made more small talk. Zeke got the ice chest out of the cabin and found even more snapper in it. I counted and measured those too. It seemed like there were fish everywhere you looked in the boat.

In all, DA and his friend had four red drum and seventy-nine red snapper along with some other fish that were legal. Forty-five of the red snapper were undersize.

DA and his friend were cited for several federal fisheries violations.



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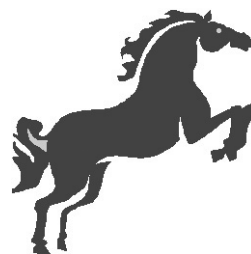
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