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## **NMCRS celebrates 100 years of ‘relief’**

Ingleside, TX – The Navy and Marine Core Relief Society (NMCRS) will celebrate its 100-year anniversary on Jan 23. Each branch of the NMCRS will toast to 100 years of dedicated service at 12 noon in their time zone. The Ingleside chapter, in addition to the toast, will also enjoy a cake cutting ceremony in their office located at the Bay Vista Shopping Center in Ingleside.

The NMCRS provides assistance to Sailors, Marines and their families with budget counseling, grants and 0 percent emergency loans, educational assistance for dependents, scholarships to active duty dependents, and in 2004 will offer 0 percent loans to spouses and dependents of retirees. The NMCRS also offers a visiting nurse program in which nurses make house calls to homes of expectant mothers and newborns.

During the past year, the organization was able to help Sailors in a variety of capacities. NMCRS Ingleside Coordinator Tambi Parker said, “We assisted 417 military members this year giving \$203,000 in assistance. We delivered 67 baby seabags filled with more than \$125 worth of baby products each and our Thrift Shop proceeds were almost \$2,000.”

The NMCRS was founded in 1904, with the proceeds from the Navy-Army football game of 1903. Since its incorporation, the Society has been funded 100 percent by donations. NMCRS has more than 300 auxiliary locations on shore and afloat, and is committed to serving active duty as well as retired Sailors and Marines.