

# **The West Galveston Island Property Owners Association The City of Jamaica Beach**

Joint Hurricane Meeting June 20, 2020

## **Presenter Biographies**

**Bill Read** retired in 2012 after a 35 year career with the National Weather Service. His last assignment was Director of the National Hurricane Center in Miami from 2007-2012 where he led national hurricane operations for over 100 tropical cyclones, most notably Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008 and Irene in 2011. Prior to NHC, Bill was the Meteorologist in Charge of the Houston/Galveston NWS Forecast Office for 15 years. Bill served 4 years as a meteorological officer in the U.S. Navy, including a 2 year stint flying with the Navy Hurricane Hunters. He holds the MS and BS in Meteorology from Texas A&M.

**Lew Fincher** is a renowned hurricane historian and preparedness expert who lives in Friendswood, TX. After a distinguished career with the DuPont company, Lew formed his company, Hurricane Consulting and provided preseason and event driven support to industries along the Gulf and Atlantic Coast. Since retiring his company Lew maintains his interest in all things hurricanes and shares his knowledge with the public. A notable accomplishment is his research and published documentation of the July 1943 "Surprise Hurricane that crossed our area.

**Dan Reilly** has been the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the Houston-Galveston National Weather Service Forecast Office in League City since 2008. Harvey and Imelda are notable topical events he has served. Dan has worked for the NWS for 25 years with including assignments at Great Falls, Montana, Norfolk/Richmond, Virginia and Detroit, Michigan in addition to League City. Dan's education includes a BS in Physics from the University of Virginia and an MS in Atmospheric Sciences from MIT.