

**GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**

Business Meeting

Minutes

9 January 2008



Attendees:

James Brotherton	George Haley	Jack Mayo	Jack Ritter
Bruce Byron	CDR Karl Hilberg	Max Miller	Stephen Smith
Jeanie Coffey	Joe Lamendola	Randy Patterson	David Wells
Lee Hagan	Glenn Looney	Kathy Pillmore	

Call to Order: The 9 January 2008 business meeting of the Greater Central Texas Council (hereafter GCTC) of the Navy League of the United States (hereafter NLUS) convened at 12 noon in the South Austin Red Lobster restaurant with President James Brotherton presiding. Fifteen council members were in attendance.

President's Opening Announcements:

Today we need to discuss our next dinner meeting and the two-bell ceremony.

Minutes of previous meetings:

Minutes of the 3 October business meeting were accepted on a motion from Bruce Byron that was seconded by Kathy Pillmore.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Haley summarized the council's current financial affairs and then walked us through his proposed 2008 budget. Nearly thirty minutes were then spent discussing specific line items including these topics:

1. Memorial transfers as listed for 2007 actually include some who died during 2006 as well as those who died during 2007, and we might be one behind as we enter 2008. [For the record, it is Council policy that upon learning of a Council Member's death we transfer \$100 from our General Fund to our George Jones Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased.]
2. Max Miller suggested we budget \$1000/year for financial accounting to support our annual IRS report.
3. Group discussion dealt with similar line items for Council donations to the Patriot Fund (for an iBOT), to the Heart of Texas Marine Corps Families, and to support families of the Weapons Company, 1st Bn, 23rd Marines. It was then decided to combine them as a single line item; "Sea Service Support" might be used to identify the combined line item. Glenn Looney pointed out that with the decommissioning of our adopted ship, USS Austin, "ship crew support" funds might be applied to the needs of Naval Operations Support Center personnel as part of the "Sea Service Support" expenditure. (Also see next item to continue this subject.)

4. Council President Jim Brotherton appointed Lee Hagan, Kathy Pillmore, and Joe Lamendola to develop a proposal for GCTC adoption of groups such as Austin's Naval Operations Support Center, other Sea Service groups, or Naval Ships / Commands. Lee Hagan will chair this Ad Hoc Committee for Sea Service Support. On a motion by Bruce Byron seconded by Randy Patterson, the Treasurer's Report and his 2008 Budget (as modified) were forwarded to the Board of Directors.

Report from VP Legislative Affairs -- Jeanie Coffey

- Jeanie Coffey explained waiting until presidential primaries have established a pattern that settles politicians into their respective camps; and then when routine business can be conducted, she plans to invite Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to join the Navy League.
- Jeanie is donating a Valentine's Day-themed choral group performance during our dinner on February 14.
- Jeanie offered to arrange for RADM Jerry Kelley MD to be our Distinguished Speaker on the 17th of April. Admiral Kelley received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio. He is a cardiothoracic surgeon. [Note: following this meeting, Jeanie confirmed this date with the admiral.]

The Anchor newsletter – David Wells & Kathy Pillmore (changing editors)

- November/December was David Wells final issue; Kathy Pillmore has relieved him as Anchor Editor. Dave continues to serve on our Board of Directors.
- The Council welcomes Kathy to her added responsibilities. Kathy Pillmore remains Council Public Affairs Officer and is a member of our Board of Directors.
- Kathy requested input by this weekend (January 12) for her January/February issue.

UT NROTC Unit – Commander Karl Hilberg, Executive Officer

- Four Navy Ensigns and one Marine Corps Second Lieutenant were recently commissioned in a ceremony held on the Texas State Capitol grounds with Governor Rick Perry participating.
- The unit expects to commission about ten graduates in May.
- Captain Gabe Salazar's retirement request has been accepted and will probably take effect next Fall.

Distinguished Speaker's Program

- **February 14** – Rear Admiral Stanley D. Bozin, Director, Office of Budget, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller (this dinner meeting includes our **Annual General Meeting and election of officers**)
- **April 17** – Rear Admiral Jerry R. Kelley, MD
- **June 19** – to be determined
- **August 21** – to be determined
- **November 6** – to be determined (Note: UT NROTC reunion is 8 November)
- **December 4** – to be determined (Note: this is the Annual General Meeting including the election of 2009 Council Officers)

Agenda for the 14 Feb Dinner Meeting / Annual General Meeting

- Color Guard – Lee Hagan will contact Travis High School
- Distinguished Speaker – travel arrangements are still being worked out
- Two Bell Ceremony – will probably be handled by Chaplain Jim Lindley. The GCTC President mentioned that the Council recently received from Mrs. Vivian Williams a thank you for our gesture of sympathy and support for her late husband, GYSGT Arthur Williams, USMC (Ret.); this refers to our memorial donation to the George Jones Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased.
- Fund Raiser – we might sell roses to the gentlemen for their wives since this dinner meeting falls on Valentine's Day
- Election of Officers and Directors – will be conducted during this dinner meeting

2008 schedule for Board of Directors and Council Officers Meetings:

- Max Miller announced that the Board of Directors would hold its first 2008 meeting on Wednesday, February 20.
- Jim Brotherton scheduled Council Officers Business Luncheons for:
 - 19 March
 - 14 May
 - 16 July
 - 8 October

Officer Reports –

VP Operations Lee Hagan introduced **Joe Lamendola**, our Council Liaison with **Sea Cadets**, for a comprehensive update.

- The Col. William B. Travis Sea Cadet Division was established by this Navy League Council in 1987 and was located in Travis County until its recent relocation outside of Travis County to Fort Hood. Since its senior cadets graduated from high school last Spring the Division has dwindled to THREE cadets. {*Clarified after the meeting as 3 vs 2 cadets.*} [Note: a minimum of 25 cadets would be required for a new division to gain official status. Groups of less than 25 are not considered viable.]
- Of the 3 youngsters still participating in Col. William B. Travis Sea Cadet activities, two are Sea Cadets and the other is a League Cadet. [Note: Sea Cadets are 13 – 18 years of age; League Cadets are 10 – 13 years old.]
- With about 11 officers and instructors available, Col. William B. Travis Sea Cadet Division could easily train and conduct activities for 25 or more cadets.
- We have an urgent need to increase enrollment.
- Only U. S. citizens can be enrolled. If non-citizens drill with the group (informally) they would not be covered by Sea Cadet insurance – i.e. that would constitute an insurance liability.
- Joe Lamendola moved to Travis County from Northern Virginia where he had run a highly successful Sea Cadet recruiting drive. Joe discussed options such as working with high school instructors of our JNROTC Units for dual membership because Sea Cadet summer training would interest their students and enhance their training.
- Joe also suggested we contact local Navy Recruiters for mutual support because so many of our Sea Cadets enlist in the Navy upon completion of high school.
- Joe plans to consult LCDR Gil Lara, CO of Travis County's **Navy Operations**

Support Group.

- Past Council President Stephen Smith moved, and Jack Mayo seconded the motion: “The Council has suspended funding until the Col. William B. Travis Sea Cadet Division reports back to the Council with a satisfactory plan for growth and relocation to Austin.” The motion passed unanimously.

VP Administration Tim Hunsberger (absent)

VP Education (vacant pending the election of 2008 officers)

VP Legislative Affairs (Jeanie Coffey’s report appears on page 2 of these minutes.)

Chaplain Jim Lindley (absent)

Treasurer George Haley (no additional comments)

Secretary Jack Mayo (advised the chair he would **at sea** March 19)

Judge Advocate Michael Murray (absent)

Report from our National Directors:

- **Glenn Looney** – We recently learned that Navy League dues would increase in July. We need to alert our members to RENEW their membership before July. This would be a smart time to become a Life Member or to at least take advantage of the 3-year renewal discount before everything goes up. GCTC’s goal is 325 members. We are overdue to conduct an effective membership drive. The Alamo Council is growing faster than any other NLUS council in Texas. {July vs April clarified after meeting.}
- **Max Miller** – Announced a Board of Directors meeting to be held at noon on Wednesday, February 20.
- **Jack Ritter** – (no additional comments)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Jack Mayo, Secretary

James Brotherton, President