

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

**Business Meeting
3 October 2007**



Minutes

Attendees:

Ned Ash	George Haley	Max Miller	David Wells
James Brotherton	Peggy Jones	Randy Patterson	<u>Guests:</u>
Bruce Byron	Tom Lasseter	Kathy Pillmore	Mike Boston
Nancy Castelline	Glenn Looney	Jack Ritter	Mike Jackson
Lee Hagan	Jack Mayo	Tom Uhl	

Call to Order: The 3 October 2007 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. Sixteen council members were in attendance. Invited guests Mike Boston and Mike Jackson representing the Patriot Fund (established July 2007 in Lakeway Texas) were acknowledged and welcomed.

President's Opening Announcements:

- (1) The annual fundraising letter has been mailed. Not many replies have been received so far, but it has been out just a couple weeks.

Minutes of previous meetings:

Minutes of the 6 September business meeting were accepted on a motion from Jack Mayo that was seconded by David Wells.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer George Haley summarized the council's financial affairs. We have \$7755.78 in our General Fund (checking account) and \$11,933.84 in our Scholarship Fund.

UT NROTC Unit – in the absence of Gabe Salazar, Jim Brotherton mentioned:

- o UT's NROTC Alumni held a reunion September 28 & 29
- o Tomorrow (October 4) midshipmen leave D. K. Royal Memorial Stadium for their annual run to the Cotton Bowl with a football signed by Coach Mack Brown. As part of the Red River Rivalry between the University of Texas and Oklahoma University. Each year the UT NROTC Midshipmen raise money for a charity of their choice by running in succession from the UT stadium to the Cotton Bowl stadium – a distance of about 200 miles, usually requiring about 27 hours of running. This year **LiveSTRONG** is the charity selected.

Distinguished Speaker's Program

- o **November 8** – Our November 8 dinner meeting is canceled because this date no longer works for Vice Admiral John C. Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel.

- **December 7** – Rear Admiral Dan Davenport (Director Joint Innovation and Experimentation, United States Joint Forces Command) NOTES:
 - This is a Friday evening instead of our usual Thursday.
 - The Austin Woman’s Club has confirmed the date and our regular meal plan.
 - Bastrop High School Junior Naval ROTC will provide the color guard
 - Annual Membership Meeting = election of officers for the next year.

The Anchor newsletter – David Wells, Editor

- Input is needed by Friday 9 November for Dave’s final issue (November/December). He hopes to post it before Thanksgiving. It will feature the December 7 annual meeting with RADM Davenport.
- Kathy Pillmore agreed to take the editor’s job effective with 2008’s first edition.

New Business:

○ **Patriot Fund** – Jim Brotherton introduced **Mike Jackson** and **Mike Boston** Established this past July by a small group of citizens from Lakeway, Texas, the non-profit **Patriot Fund** serves severely wounded and disabled men and women of the armed forces by providing a conduit to promote personal independence, increase self-esteem, and improve the quality of life for these wounded warriors. **Patriot Fund** is an outgrowth of the 2004 cross-county journey of a Vietnam-era Huey Helicopter that is now on display at the **Smithsonian National Museum of American History** as part of an exhibit titled **The Price of Freedom**. Lakeway residents established the **091 Foundation** to educate students about **The Price of Freedom** and to support our nation’s service members and veterans who have paid the price for our freedom. Working in collaboration with the **091 Foundation, American Airlines, the Allied Pilots Association, Johnson & Johnson, the Independence Fund** and the **Department of Defense**, an initial objective of the **Patriot Fund** was to raise \$25,000 to present a **Johnson & Johnson IBOT Mobility System** to a pre-qualified hero who received severe injuries while fighting our global war on terror. Former Army Specialist Eric Jordan was the Lakeway **Patriot Fund’s** first recipient of an IBOT. A second IBOT has also been funded, and a third is contemplated. Future recipients might include Marines and Navy Corpsmen as well as Army personnel.

- **Patriot Fest Concert** 6 – 10 PM Saturday October 20, Lakeway City Hall parking lot, Free Admission. Food and drinks available for purchase. Bring coolers and lawn chairs; enjoy the live entertainment.
- **Council Donation:** On a motion by Lee Hagan seconded by David Wells a \$1,000 donation to the **Patriot Fund** was recommended and passed to our Board of Directors for approval since this is not in the 2007 council budget.

○ **Officer Reports** –

• **VP Operations Lee Hagan**

- Letters of Appreciation are being prepared for each Color Guard that has supported our recent events.
- The William B. Travis Sea Cadet Unit lost their senior cadets. Both graduated from high school. One has enlisted in the U. S. Navy, and the other is preparing for a fire-fighting academy.

- **VP Administration Tim Hunsberger** (absent)
- **VP Education Ned Ash**
The goal for 2008 is six Distinguished Speaker Programs on alternate months. Among those under current consideration: Admiral James Stavridis, Commander U. S. Southern Command; Vice Admiral Ann E. Rondeau, Deputy Commander U. S. Transportation Command (one of nine Unified Commands); Rear Admiral Joseph Kilkenny, Commander Naval Recruiting Command; MCPON Joe Campa, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy; and SGTMAJ Carlton W. Kent, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.
- **VP Legislative Affairs** -- in the absence of Jeannie Coffey, Max Miller reports plans to invite Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison to join the Navy League.
- **Chaplain Jim Lindley** (absent)
- **Treasurer George Haley** (no additional comments)
- **Secretary Jack Mayo** (no additional comments)
- **Judge Advocate Michael Murray** (absent)

Report from our National Directors:

- **Glenn Looney** – We recently learned that during the 2007 national Navy League convention (30 October through 4 November at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert California) our Greater Central Texas Council will be recognized as Runner-up for the Navy League’s Council Public Affairs award.
- **Max Miller** – Announced a Board of Directors meeting to be held at noon on Wednesday October 10 at the usual place (Red Lobster - South) with the agenda including:
 - Budget Adjustment: \$1,000 donation to the Patriot Fund
 - Nomination of council officers and directors for 2008
 - Council Awards recognizing work done this past year
 The slate of officers and directors nominated to serve during 2008 will be elected during the council's December 7 dinner meeting.
- **Jack Ritter** – (no additional comments)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Jack Mayo, Secretary

James Brotherton, President