

**GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
Business Meeting  
21 Sept 2006  
Minutes**



**Attendees:**

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| Glenn Looney     | Max K. Miller | Jack Ritter, Jr. | Tom L. Lasseter   |
| Thomas Griffy    | Tom Uhl       | Lee Hagan        | Jack Mayo         |
| George Haley     | Ned Ash       | Jeanie Coffey    | Joe Cruz          |
| CDR Karl Hilberg | Nita Wathen   | Bruce Byron      | Marvin Morgenroth |

The 21 September 2006 business meeting of the Greater Central Texas Council of the Navy League of the United States (GCTC) convened at noon at the Red Lobster South in Austin, Texas with President Max Miller presiding and with 16 persons in attendance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Minutes of the 27 July 2006 were read. Tom Uhl moved and Tom Griffy seconded a motion to approve the minutes as published subject to minor non-substantive corrections from Glenn Looney.

**VP Reports** – Lee Hagan, Vice President Administration, reported the Council now has 278 members. This represents a net loss of 5 for the year. Our retention rate is 73.28% for the year. In August, 3 new members joined the Council. His report is attached. Lee also asked that the sponsors contact those persons whose membership is to be renewed within the next few months. He stated the sponsors will be contacted to accomplish this.

Glenn asked about corporate sponsors. There some discussion. Other topics included Life Memberships. Glenn stated Life Memberships were \$450 due and payable upon date of application for the Life Membership. He stated that two of our newest members had joined as Life Members. He encouraged all of us to seek more members and to help retain sponsored members.

Jim Brotherton, Vice President Operations, reported he University of Texas NROTC would supply the color guard for the 31 August meeting.

**Legislative Affairs** – Jeannie Coffey reported she continues to have contact with the various members of Congress and with our two Senators.

**US Navy Issues** – Glenn Looney announced the Decommissioning of the USS AUSTIN on 27 September 2006, in Norfolk, VA. Glenn reported he was having problems getting a representative from the City of Austin to attend. Betty Baker, Director of the City Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to represent the city at this time. Jack Mayo will officially represent the GCTC.

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Glenn also reported the city wanted to put items from the USS Austin on display at the City Hall or at the Airport. These would be short term displays. The Navy, however, wants a commitment for a permanent display. An alternative is to have a rotating display with the city having it for a while each year and the artifacts housed either at the Texas Military Museum on Camp Mabry or at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. Details are pending. The Historical Center at the Navy Yard in Washington retains ownership of the artifacts. The items are on loan which must be renewed every three years.

**Anchor** – David Wells asked that the input for the next newsletter be submitted by 22 September so that he can publish it by 24 September. He asked for pictures if possible. Tom Griffy stated he had some and would submit them.

**Finance** – George Haley reported that the G. T. Jones Scholarship Fund had \$11,268 as of 21 September. This is a corrected amount from the July meeting minutes. The scholarship money is in a savings account with \$1,268 and a CD for \$10,000. In addition, the operating budget account has \$3,236.

**Distinguished Speakers** – Max Miller announced that Senator Hutchinson was unable to attend our 12 October meeting and that Lieutenant General Jefferson D. Howell, USMC, ret., was scheduled to be our speaker.

Vice President Ned Ash is handling the Distinguished Speaker program now.

Potential dates and speakers for future meetings are as follows:

December 7, 2006, Jim Hornfischer will talk about Pearl Harbor.

February 2007, H. W. Brands, a professor at UT will talk about Teddy Roosevelt and Andrew Jackson.

April, 2007, Vice ADM John G. Cotton, Chief of Naval Reserve will discuss the Navy Reserves.

June, 2007, CAPT Ash, USN, will speak if VADM Cotton is unable to attend or at another date.

**NROTC** – CDR Hilberg reported the University of Texas (UT) NROTC will be busy this fall. The traditional run to Dallas begins October 7. Alumni member weekend will be October 12, 13, and 14. The Navy Marine Corps Ball will be held on 17 November. LT General Howell will be attending.

Max Miller announced that he had sent a letter of appreciation to CAPT Don Inbody on behalf of the Greater Central Texas Council. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**Veterans Affairs** – Joe Cruz reported the military hospitals are working with the Veterans Administration to help Veterans that have lost limbs. He stated they were doing a great job supplying members with help. He stated he was proud to the job they were doing.

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**National Directors** – Glenn Looney reported the next National Meeting of the Navy League is scheduled for 2-5 November. This is the last of the two meeting format. There will only be one meeting a year from this point forward. He stated the main order of business will be to elect the next president-elect to replace our current president, John Panneton in November, 2007.

**Logistics** – Byron Bruce stated GCTC has made approximately \$90 per meeting from drink sales. He suggested raising beer prices to \$3.00 which will make wine and beer the same price and ease the confusion with ticket purchasing.

Tom Griffy moved and Ned Ash seconded a motion to raise the price of beer to \$3.00 and authorize the Logistics Officer to set drink fees for dinner meetings. The motion passed.

Max Miller announced the Women's Club did not raise our fee for meals at our meetings. The GCTC voluntarily raised its fee by \$2.00 a meal so that the Women's Club would continue to allow us to use the facility and to help ease the financial situation the Club has. Women's Club did raise the meal price for the Daughter's of the American Revolution by \$8.00.

There was some discussion of the service and food at the last meeting. Glenn Looney stated the Club was addressing the issues. He stated the club wants us very much to continue our relationship.

**Announcements** – Tom Lasseter reported that he had received an e-mail (copy attached) from Bull Walker who had reviewed the Power Point presentation he had developed for the GCTC. He stated the Bull Walker stated it was SUPER. This presentation is available for GCTC members to use at local events suitable for making a presentation such as this.

President Max Miller announced the IRS reinstated our 501c (3) status. This allows us to provide an Employers Identification Number (EIN) to our donors when they make a donation to the GCTC. Donations are now tax deductible. The Treasurer should use the EIN in connection with our bank accounts.

The Secretary has submitted the information to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in order to continue our tax exempt status with the State of Texas.

The Secretary thanks Nita Wathen for taking notes for the minutes of this meeting.

Max Miller announced *The Alcalde*, the news magazine for the UT Ex Association, had reported the election of Jack Ritter, Glenn Looney and Max Miller as National Directors of the Navy League of the United States at the National Meeting held 12-16 July 2006.

No other business was presented by those assembled and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Marvin Morgenroth, Secretary

Approved:  
Max K. Miller, President