

**GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE
UNITED STATES
Business Meeting
15 November 2006
Minutes**



Attendees:

Glenn Looney	Max K. Miller	Jack Ritter, Jr.	Tom L. Lasseter
Thomas Griffy	Tom Uhl	James Brotherton	Lee Hagan
Ned Ash	Jeanie Coffey	Randy Patterson	Nita Wathen
Bruce Byron	Marvin Morgenroth		

The 15 November 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 14 persons in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the 21 September 2006 were read. Tom Uhl moved and Tom Griffy seconded a motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

VP Reports – Lee Hagan, Vice President Administration, reported the Council now has 268 members. This represents a net loss of 15 for the year and our retention rate is 73.33%. He reported In September, one new member joined the Council, in October, three new members joined and in November, four new members joined. He asked that sponsors contact the members on the list who need to renew in November. His report is attached.

Jim Brotherton, Vice President for Operations, asked that the Treasurer prepare checks to pay support stipends which we annually pay to each of the following units, the William B. Travis Division, 5 NJROTC Units, 4 Marine MCJROTC Units and the UT NROTC Unit. He also asked that a check be prepared to pay for the sword that was presented earlier. He also stated the University of Texas NROTC delegation was not able to attend this business meeting due to a blood drive being conducted on campus. Jim also stated the Color Guard for the 7 December meeting would be the Georgetown High School Naval JROTC Color Guard.

Legislative Affairs – Jeannie Coffey reported a meeting had been scheduled with Senator Cornyn's office on Monday, November 20. Jack Ritter, Jeannie and Max Miller will meet with the Senator.

Jack Ritter, Jennie Coffey and Max Miller have done a great job contacting the legislative delegation in the Central Texas area and the whole state this year. This year they had contacted twenty politicians including eighteen Congressmen directly.

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Chaplain – Tom Griffy asked that he be given the names of all members of the Council who died since the beginning of this year. He is preparing a list so that they can be honored at the bell ringing ceremony during the first Dinner Meeting in February 2007.

US Navy Issues – Tom Uhl asked about the status of important items from the USS Austin. Jack Mayo also asked about the ships log and emblem. Glenn Looney reported all items have been requested from the Naval Historical Center.

A “Grass Roots” Report Card detailing the goals of the Navy League Legislative Affairs Program provided a description of recent authorizations by Congress. These include eight ships in the 2007 New Ship Building Budget. It detailed that Congress affirmed its support for a forty-eight Attack Submarine force as part of a long-term plan. The military authorization also provided for six short take-off and vertical landing versions of the Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II aircraft and a multi-year strategy for the Bell-Boeing V-22 Osprey tilt rotor aircraft.

Anchor – David Wells asked that the input for the next newsletter be submitted as soon as possible.

Finance – George Haley was unable to attend the meeting.

Distinguished Speakers – Vice President Ned Ash provided a listing of Planned Distinguished Speakers.

Potential dates and speakers for future meetings are as follows:

February 22, 2007, Professor H. W. Brands, University of Texas, will talk about Teddy Roosevelt and Andrew Jackson. His sponsor is Max Miller.

April 20, 2007, Vice ADM John G. Cotton, Chief of Naval Reserve will discuss the Navy Reserves. His sponsor is Tom Uhl.

June 7, 2007, CAPT Ash, USN, CO, Fleet Intelligence Training Center, Pacific, will speak. His sponsor is Ned Ash.

August 16, 2007, RADM J. Scott Burhoe, USCG, Director of Government and Public Affairs will speak. His sponsor is Max Miller.

September 27 or October 25, 2007 in conjunction with the University of Texas NROTC Alumni Reunion, RADM John D. Butler, USN, will speak. His sponsor is Glenn Looney.

There was some discussion about having a politician and a Marine come speak to the Council. Glenn Looney stated he would post the proposed list provided by Ned Ash on the Council website. Other discussion concerned having an alternate meeting time to enable speakers who cannot make an evening meeting or are meeting with University of Texas NROTC.

Max Miller also stated he was working on having the CO of the USS TEXAS return as a

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speaker.

Veterans Affairs – Nita Wathen reported the November 11 Veterans Day Parade was long and well attended but not well organized. She further reported that there was little participation at the wreath laying ceremony that followed.

National Directors – Glenn Looney reported J. Michael McGrath, current Vice President for Region and Area Presidents Liaison, was elected to become the 44th National President at the National Meeting held November 2-5. He will be sworn into office at the National Meeting to be held in November 2007 in Palm Springs, California.

Glenn further reported there would be no change in the amount charged for dues. He also stated there was discussion about recognizing the best website as well as the best newsletter. Both he and Jack Ritter attended the meeting about this topic.

Announcements – Tom Griffy and Max Miller talked about NLUS on-line store selling official name tags. It was suggested that we encourage the membership to obtain the tags. Tom suggested that a sign-up sheet be provided at the 7 December meeting and that a fee of \$10 be charged.

Randy Patterson announced he was collecting old cell phones for a project. He asked that persons with unwanted cell phones to contact him at 512-257-3464 and he would make arrangements to get the phones.

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

Respectfully Submitted:
Marvin Morgenroth, Secretary

Approved:
Max K. Miller, President