

**GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL
NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES**
Board of Directors Meeting
11 January 2007
Minutes



Directors attending (alphabetical by last name):

Jim Brotherton	Jack Mayo	Kathy Pillmore	Tom Uhl
Peggy Jones	Max K. Miller	Jack Ritter	David Wells
Glenn Looney	Randy Patterson		

Additional Council Officers & Members attending (alphabetical by last name):

Bruce Byron	George Haley	Tim Hunsberger
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Introductory Remarks:

Outgoing Board Chairman Glenn Looney called the meeting to order at 1200, introduced new board members, continuing board members, and council officers who were present. All council members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Approval of Minutes of 9 November 2006 Board Meeting

The minutes of the November 9 meeting, along with a November 22 Addendum, were discussed and approved as published on a motion by Bruce Byron seconded by Max Miller.

Election of 2007 board chairman and secretary

On a motion by Max Miller seconded by Tom Uhl, Jack Mayo was elected Board Secretary. On a motion by Jack Ritter seconded by Jim Brotherton, Max Miller was nominated to serve as our Chairman of the Board. Nominations were closed on a motion from Bruce Byron seconded by Randy Patterson, and Max was unanimously elected 2007 Board Chairman.

Outgoing President Max Miller reported on the following topics:

IRS Letter: Greater Central Texas Council (hereafter GCTC) received a letter from the IRS approving GCTC as a 501 c 3 (reactivated). We must file form IRS-990 each year to remain OK with the IRS. Max will do it for his year (2006). The IRS-990 covering calendar year 2006 must be filed on or before 15 May 2007.

Honorary Member John Cornyn, U. S. Senator: On November 20, 2006, Jack Ritter and Max Miller, along with UT NROTC Professor of Naval Science CAPT Gabe Salazar, visited Senator Cornyn. They invited him to join the Navy League and come speak at a dinner meeting. Senator Cornyn agreed to speak some Friday evening (he is usually in Washington Monday through Thursday), but he has been asked to join so many organizations that he took that under consideration. After consulting the Senator's staff, it became apparent that he would readily accept honorary membership. Jack Ritter nominated him for Navy League of the United States "national honorary member" status and it was approved. We plan to present the NLUS Honorary Member certificate to Senator Cornyn during a March dinner meeting that the Senator will address as part of our Distinguished Speaker Series.

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Distinguished Speaker Series: Max reported these speakers set for 2007:

February = H. W. Brands, UT Professor of History, "Roosevelt and Jackson"

March = U. S. Senator John Cornyn

April = VADM John Cotton USN, Chief of Naval Reserve

June = CAPT Larry Ash USN, CO Fleet Intelligence Training Center Pacific

August = RADM Scott Burhoe USCG, Director for Government and Public Affairs

September = CAPT Gabe Salazar USN, PNS UT NROTC (during UT NROTC Alumni Week)

USS Texas (SSN 775): Max communicated with SSN 775's CO and XO. Commander Al Onley, the Executive Officer, has the Navy League file on his desk. He departs in six months and would like to get this resolved. He is aware that both GCTC and the Houston Council are considering adopting the submarine. Captain Litherland, the submarine's CO, gave the Houston Council first chance because of their extensive efforts while USS Texas spent nearly a week in the port of Galveston for its commissioning ceremony. Houston has not begun adoption paperwork; in fact there seems to be both pro and con opinions within that council. GCTC's written offer to adopt USS Texas might force the Houston Council to make a go/no-go decision on whether they will adopt USS Texas. Discussion of this topic during our board meeting included the possibility of having the Lone Star Region adopt the submarine, but that would be unprecedented and it is probably unworkable; a Council is better equipped than a Region to sustain an active role with a ship. Another idea was a partnership of all interested Texas councils coordinated by our council in the capital city. Max will continue to work this issue.

Financial Report

Max distributed Treasurer George Haley's 2006 Budget Report, pointing out that with the \$5 increase in our dinner fee our bank balance is trending up. **The operating fund balance at the end of 2006 is \$4805.** Max still has two Navy League history books available for \$25 apiece. The budget line for the USS Austin might be retained in case we do adopt USS Texas. Tom Uhl suggested a budget line to support the Distinguished Speaker Series. Someone said we ought to budget funds to invite Active Duty personnel to GCTC functions. Glenn Looney said we have rolled the previous year's budget numbers forward for several years and this might be the time to do a complete re-scrub. It was decided that the 2007 President and Treasurer would study the financial statement and return with a proposed 2007 budget. Kathy Pillmore moved and Bruce Byron seconded that the 2006 Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion carried.

Proposed Advisory Council: It has been recommended that we form an Advisory Council for the purpose of consulting with and receiving recommendations from the Commanding Officers of the UT NROTC Unit, the Naval Operations Support Center Austin, Naval Reserve Units, the senior recruiting officers of the Navy and Marine Corps in Austin, senior instructors of sponsored Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units, CEOs of community councils and corporations, and appropriate academic and political representatives. Glenn Looney recommended SOPA Austin would chair, and that we begin the relationship with a soft structure so those invited have few obligations. This Advisory Council should provide an opportunity to exchange information with the Navy League without becoming just one more meeting added to the schedule. Regular participants in this Advisory Council might become Honorary Members of GCTC. The board decided to let this run and evolve for a couple years before amending our bylaws with specific language. Jack Ritter moved and David Wells seconded a sense-of-the-board resolution that the Board Chairman should pursue establishment of an Advisory Council.

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Council Awards Committee Report:

Jack Ritter reported that the Council Awards Committee proposed Max Miller for the Scroll of Honor, and the following for Certificates of Appreciation: Jim Brotherton, Jeanie Coffey, Tom Griffy, Lee Hagan, George Haley, Jack Mayo, Marvin Morganroth, Nita Wathan, and David Wells. Unit Certificates of Appreciation are proposed for: UT-NROTC Unit, Patrick Henry Chapter SAR, Georgetown High School NJROTC Unit, and the Fredericksburg High School NJROTC Unit. These recommendations of the Awards Committee were adopted on a motion by Jack Ritter seconded by Tom Uhl.

For our calendar:

Noon, Wednesday January 17, Council Business Meeting at Red Lobster, 3815 South Lamar
10 – 12 am Saturday February 3, Council Training Workshop, location to be announced

The Anchor

David Wells asked Max Miller to write the Board Chairman's message and Jim Brotherton to write the Council President's message for the next issue.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Jack Mayo, 2007 Secretary

Max K. Miller, 2007 Chairman

Attachments to the master copy on file in the Secretary's file cabinet:

Agenda (with a membership report on the back of the page)

Proposal for the formation of an Advisory Council

2006 Council President's report dated 11 January 2007

GCTC Budget Report 2006 (year-end financials)