

**GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF THE
UNITED STATES
Business Meeting
18 May 2006
Minutes**



Attendees:

Glenn Looney	Max K. Miller	Jack Ritter, Jr.	Tom L. Lasseter
Thomas Griffy	Thomas Uhl	Jim Brotherton	Jack Mayo
David Wells	George Haley	Lee Hagan	Ned Ash
Marvin Morgenroth			

The 18 May 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 13 persons in attendance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Minutes of the 16 March 2006 meeting were approved with the following corrections:

In the Board of Directors section, it was stated that Glenn Looney had been elected Area President of the Lone Star Region and that Max Miller had been elected a National Director from the Lone Star Region. This should have said nominated rather than elected.

George Haley moved and David Wells seconded a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed.

VP Reports – Jim Brotherton announced the JNROTC awards had been distributed. He stated Max Miller had presented the Theodore Roosevelt Navy League Youth Medal award to the recipient of the Brenham JMCROTC unit. Max stated that the Brenham MC JROTC was comprised of 90 students.”

This unit is lead by Captain Kenneth J. Tofel, USMC (Ret) and Sergeant Major Akins. Max also presented a certificate of adoption by the GCTC to the Brenham MC J ROTC. This is the ninth JROTC unit adopted by the GCTC.

Tom Uhl reported he had presented the Theodore Roosevelt Navy League Youth Medal at an awards ceremony at W. B. Travis High School in Austin. He said there were over 100 in attendance in the gym. The unit is lead by Senior Naval Science Instructor LCDR Sanders and assisted by a Senior Chief. He further stated a unit member, Emmanuel Hernandez, was killed in a car accident the next day. There was discussion about honoring the young man. See Chaplain’s report for further information.

Jim Brotherton stated he would have a table with a list the Theodore Roosevelt Navy League Youth Medal award winners at our next Dinner Meeting

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Lee Hagan reported the Council had 283 members and that the retention rate had improved to 77.61%. There are several members needing to renew memberships. Several officers volunteered to contact names on the list of renewals. Jack Ritter said that members sponsored by the officers should be contacted by the officers.

Lee Hagan reported that Max Noe spoke with approximately 25 Cadets of the Marine Corps Junior ROTC at Round Rock High School. This was on 11 March 2006. Max Noe served in the 28th Infantry Division from January, 1943 to November, 1945 and was awarded the Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster. He also was captured at Bastogne in The Battle of the Bulge.

Legislative Affairs – Max Miller reported that Jeanie Coffey was in the process of moving into a new house and was unable to attend. However, he stated that Jeanie had contacted Senator Hutchison's office about speaking at our 12 October meeting. This is the meeting that we honor the University of Texas NROTC and we try to get a UT graduate to speak.

Max Miller reported he had maintained contact with Congressman McCaul and that the Congressman wants to join the Navy League. Jack Ritter stated he had a number of pens to be given to Congressmen when they join the Navy League.

US Navy Issues – Jack Mayo announced the commissioning of the USS TEXAS is now scheduled for 9 September 2006. He further stated the USS TEXAS became occupied on 7 April when dining facilities became available on the sub. He also reported the sub had subsequently completed sea trials. Max Miller stated a list of names had been submitted to the Houston Navy League Council. He stated he follow up on the status of the invitations. Max also said CAPT Inbody had found a hotel near the commissioning site and Max said he would distribute information soon.

Glenn Looney reported the USS AUSTIN had returned from deployment and was scheduled for Decommissioning in August. He stated the GCTC needed to determine the possibility of recovering items from the ship on behalf of the City and arrange for an appropriate ceremony. The items include those given to the ship by the city and the state and other significant items.

Tom Lasseter reported the power point presentation was nearly complete and that it had 32 slides. He stated he had used it when he spoke before his Kiwanis Club chapter. Tom stated the presentation took over 30 minutes and was still too long. Tom Lasseter stated the presentation had detailed notes and these notes should be studied prior to making a speech to a group. He has distributed 6 copies of the presentation for comments. Jim Brotherton asked what the objectives of the presentation were and Tom listed several. Jim stated that there were too many concepts being presented and that the presentation should be split into 2 or more presentations. Both David Wells and Jim Brotherton stated they would review the presentation and edit it or split into more than one presentation.

Anchor – David Wells asked that the Vice Presidents submit articles for the newsletter by 26 May. Glenn Looney stated he had more e-mail addresses and that the number of paper copies should further be reduced. Max stated he had a CD with several pictures taken at Jack Ritter's

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house when the UT NROTC faculty advisors had been honored by the GCTC and the UT NROTC Alumni Association. David said he would use these in the next edition.

Finance – George Haley reported the Council had received 49.97% of budget income so far. He cited some gifts to the George Jones Scholarship fund as the reason for the good number. He also said the expenses were 39.65 % of what was budgeted. Glenn Looney stated that the general revenue will increase when the annual fund raising materials are mailed. George stated to date, the expenses were running 3% below income which keeps us in a good financial position.

Glenn Looney stated the fund raising materials from the previous fund raising campaign were given to Max and that mailing labels would be provided when needed. Jack Ritter suggested that the President and all of the Vice Presidents should sign the letter. He stated often having multiple signatures shows extra support and thus increased donations. Max stated he would consider the suggestion.

George Haley reported that the money for the George Jones Scholarship fund has been placed in two \$5,000 CD's and the CD's were drawing between 3.65% and 4.00% interest. The total amount in the scholarship fund is \$10,584.

Chaplain – Tom Uhl suggested the GCTC honor Emmanuel Hernandez, the freshman JNROTC member from W. B. Travis High School. Tom Griffy stated that in the past the GCTC had honored our members and other Navy and Marine Corps Central Texas persons who had died at the Bell Ringing Ceremony at our Dinner Meeting in January each year. He stated this would be the appropriate time to honor Emmanuel Hernandez. Glenn Looney suggested that the GCTC make a donation to the George T. Jones Scholarship Fund in honor of Emmanuel Hernandez and in honor of former member of the Round Rock HS MC JROTC, Roger Dale Castleberry, Jr., who was killed in Iraq on August 1, 2005. Roger Dale Castleberry was honored previously in our Two Bell Ceremony at the February 16, 2006 meeting. Max also stated he would send a letter to both families.

Distinguished Speakers

Glenn Looney reported the distinguished speaker for our 15 June meeting is VADM Charles W Moore, Jr. VADM Moore is the former Deputy CNO for Fleet Operations and Logistics. VADM Moore wants to speak about a 21st Century Navy including 313 ship Navy, DDX, etc. The Admiral also wants to discuss Operation Iraqi Freedom issues.

Max Miller reported H. W. Brands, a historian, will speak at our 7 September meeting. The topics will be Andrew Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt.

There is no confirmed speaker for the 12 October meeting at this time.

Jim Hornfischer will be the speaker for our 7 December meeting and will talk about his book about the USS Houston in the early stages of World War II.

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Tom Uhl stated he was trying to get VADM John Cotton, The Chief of the Naval Reserve, Commander, Naval Reserve Force as a speak in the future.

Jim Brotherton is also working on getting the CNO to come to Austin sometime in 2007. Jim Hornfischer has suggested two authors who are possible speakers in the future. It is possible the authors will ask the GCTC to pay for some expenses of the speakers. The GCTC has made no commitment since the authors will be have the opportunity to sell books.

Max Miller reported that the Admiral of the Texas Navy for VADM Vivian Crea, USCG, had been received, framed and forwarded to her.

Lee Hagan stated a member of the Purple Heart Association, Mike Noe was a possible speaker for us and possibly for an awards ceremony. Mr. Max Noe was a member of the 28th Infantry Division at the Battle of the Bulge. Max Noe had been captured by the Germans and held prisoner for several months. His biography is attached.

Max Miller wants the members of the GCTC to be looking for speakers and making suggestions to the officers. The officers will evaluate the suggestions. Once a speaker is agreed upon, the persons making the suggestion will be responsible for contacting the speaker and getting possible dates for the meeting.

Jim Brotherton said he did not have a color guard at this time for the 15 June Meeting. It was suggested that the Sons of the American Revolution be contacted. Jim also said he would contact the UT NROTC.

Glenn Looney announced that the 15 June Meeting will constitute the GCTC Annual Awards ceremony honoring members and others for their distinguished service during Council Year 2005.

NROTC – Max Miller reported that he had attended the UT NROTC Awards Ceremony where Marty Jones, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Information, spoke to the Battalion on 13 April. Jim Brotherton had presented a sword from the Navy League and Glenn Looney presented swords from the UT NROTC Alumni Association and from the Military Affairs Council.

Max stated the commissioning ceremony would be held in the Texas Union in the Santa Rita Room on 19 May. He also reported the Battalion was commissioning 12 Ensigns and 1 Second Lieutenant.

Board of Directors – Jack Ritter reported that the continuing efforts to contact members of Congress had been successful so far. He stated the Lone Star Region had contacted 70% of the Congressmen and both Senators. The objective is to sell the Navy League and make the Navy League more visible to Congress. The discussions with the Congressmen and Senators focused on supporting the 313 ship Navy and replacing the ships at a rate greater than 5 per year. He stated 6 or 7 Congressmen had joined the Navy League. This program continues until July 2006 and may be continued after an evaluation is done.

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Glenn Looney reported the GCTC website was fully operational. He was satisfied with the result but more information could be provided. He also said it was kept current by dedicated links that provided status of the Navy and Marine Corps daily. He stated that in his discussions with the webmaster at National Headquarters, the GCTC website was among the very best.

Announcements – Max Miller announced that Bruce Byron had agreed to assume the duties of the Logistics Coordinator for the GCTC. Bruce is replacing Chuck Cooley who resigned after serving several years as the coordinator.

Jim Brotherton stated he had attended the Navy Fiesta Night in San Antonio during Fiesta Week. He stated several hundred Navy personnel were present. He stated the Fiesta Royal Court had also attended and several Navy specific medals were available. Jim stated a shadow box with these medals would be raffled at the next Distinguished Speaker Meeting in June.

Lee Hagan reported the Marine Corps League in Austin would host the State conference. If more information is needed, contact Lee.

Max Miller reported Lee Mobley had broken a leg and subsequently had a stroke. Max stated Lee was still in the hospital and his condition continued to improve.

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

Respectfully Submitted:
Marvin Morgenroth, Secretary

Approved:
Max K. Miller, President