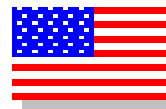




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NOTICE OF PROGRAM: THURSDAY 16 FEB 2006

The GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL of the NAVY LEAGUE of the UNITED STATES will hold its next program **Thursday 16 February** at the **AUSTIN WOMAN'S CLUB ("CHATEAU BELLEVUE")** located at the corner of San Antonio Street and 8th Street. Access to the entrance and parking area is off San Antonio Street or from the rear on Nueces Street between 7th and 8th Streets.

SOCIAL HOUR: 1815 DINNER:1915 PROGRAM 2015 ADJOURN: 2115

All Navy League meetings are open to the public, military or civilians. No prior military service is required. Extend this invitation to your associates. Your family and guests are welcome.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY 2000 MONDAY 13 FEB 2006
CALL GLENN LOONEY: (512) 327-7413 (rglenn@alumni.utexas.net)**



**Program: Vice Admiral Vivien S. Crea,
USCG**

**Topic: Coast Guard Challenges;
Hurricanes, Terrorists and Drugs**

Also

**CAPT John Litherland, USN
PCO, USS Texas (SSN-775)**

Topic: Shakedown and Commissioning

Vice Admiral Vivien S. Crea assumed command of Coast Guard Atlantic Area on July 16, 2004. She is the operational commander for all Coast Guard activities in an area of responsibility spanning five Coast Guard Districts, over 14 million square miles covering the Eastern and Midwestern United States from the Rocky Mountains to Maine and Mexico, out across the Atlantic and through the Caribbean Sea, involving over 33,000 military and civilian employees, and 30,000 auxiliaries.

She serves concurrently as Commander, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic. She previously served as Commander, First Coast Guard District, overseeing all Coast Guard operations in the Northeastern United States, from the Maine-Canada border to Northern New Jersey. Prior to that she served as Director of Information and Technology of the Coast Guard as Chief Information Officer and oversaw the Coast Guard's Research and Development program. A Coast Guard aviator, Vice Admiral Crea has flown the C130 Hercules turboprop, H-65 Dolphin helicopter, and Gulfstream II jet.

Vice Admiral Crea earned a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as one from Central Michigan University, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas. Her personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (four awards), and the Meritorious Service Medal.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: MAX MILLER

A new year is underway. Last year ended with the culmination of six Distinguished Speakers and we have six more in line for 2006. I heard our next speaker talk last summer at the National Navy League meeting in Norfolk and we are all in for a real treat when she is our Distinguished Guest on February 16, 2006.

We ended the year sound fiscally and we are off to a fresh start for 2006. I thank every Greater Central Texas Council member for all the hard work last year and I am looking forward to working with each of you this coming year. I ask each of you to contribute something – time, money, or effort to make our Distinguished Speakers Programs better, our Council stronger, and our time together more beneficial to all concerned. The George T. Jones Scholarship Fund is almost \$7000.00 now. We will be able to give scholarships from the interest earned from the fund in the near future.

The year has already begun. Several of our members attended the Commissioning of the USS San Antonio (LPD 17), a new kind of warship, at Ingleside Navy Base on January 14, 2005. Later this fall the USS Texas (SSN 775) will be commissioned in Galveston if all goes according to plans. We are working with the Commissioning Committee to help make the commissioning a huge success for the Navy, the Navy League, the State of Texas, and the Navy League Councils in the Lone Star Region.

I wish *Fair Winds and Following Seas* to all hands for 2006.

Chairman of the Board/ National Director



As we begin another year of Navy League projects and events, I want to look back and thank the officers, committee chairs, liaisons and other contributors for making 2005 such a successful year for the Greater Central Texas Council. Under the outstanding leadership of Max Miller and his Vice Presidents Jim Brotherton, David Wells, Lee Hagan and Jeannie Coffey, the Council increased its

membership, improved its financial stability, set the standard with its congressional contact program, conducted six well received Distinguished Speaker Programs with increased average attendance, and supported our adopted JROTC and NROTC units and the USS Austin. The Council participated and supported the opening of a new veterans cemetery, coordinated participation of World War II veterans in the Veteran's Day parade, and conducted a successful Holiday Cheer Program for USS Austin, our adopted ship. The Council was also active in the planning of commissioning ceremonies for USS San Antonio (LPD-17) and USS Texas (SSN-775). Bravo Zulu to Max and his fine staff!

We are pleased to learn from USS Austin that as a result of the Greater Central Texas Council-coordinated Holiday Cheer Program, the crew received over 1,500 pounds of gift packages from Central Texas. Under the capable leadership of Ms. Peggy Jones, our coordinator, the Council raised \$1,300 for gifts while other organizations (Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts and school classes) as well as private individuals sent additional packages and cards

I close by again asking that if you wish to participate in this fine Council to the extent of your available time skills, please contact

me. We need you. Finally, if you are not receiving email concerning Navy League events an information, please send your email address to me at rglennl@alumni.utexas.net. I will not abuse your email and you will be better informed while saving the Council the cost of postage. During the year, we will be converting our operation to distribute our newsletter by email and the website, for those that have email. The more we can send by email and not print, the scarce funds are saved for better purposes like our youth programs.

Fair Winds

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: GLENN LOONEY

Editors Note: MOVING ON

Some of you may have noticed that **Tom Lasseter** has moved on as editor of this newsletter. His professional, award winning newsletters were the result of his dedication and willingness to work hard at what is a very essential tool in making the Council a viable and relevant organization.

Sixty-three years ago this last January, Tom entered the US Navy. His pride in being a Sailor has not diminished one iota. It is people like Tom that make the Sea Services great and for whom the Navy League is the perfect place to keep those memories alive.

However, it is not the last we will see of Tom. His wit and support will continue in support of the Navy League as he takes on the Guest Speaker Program.

Next time you see Tom: say "Thanks!" He deserves it.

Jim Brotherton, VP for Operations



The 2005-2006 school year is now over half-way and our Navy and Marine Corps Junior ROTC and Sea Cadet organizations are now looking forward to recognizing their young men and women's leadership and character demonstration. We in the Navy League, through the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Award, also acknowledge these young leaders of the future. **I am putting together the listing of Navy League presenters and if you see an open slot and are interested in representing the Navy League at a local High School, call or email me (ph 512-394-9381/email jbrotherton@austin.rr.com).**

There are a total of nine units that we support (5 reps still needed):

1. The Col. William B. Travis Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps/Navy League Sea Cadets will have their winter awards program on Sunday, February 19th at 6 pm at the 51st Street Armory. Navy League officers will be attending to present awards.
2. Jack C. Hays H.S. Marine Corps JROTC will have their spring awards ceremony on Sunday, April 30th at 3 pm. **Presenter needed.**
3. Round Rock H.S. Marine Corps JROTC will have its awards banquet on Friday, May 12th at 6 pm in the H.S. cafeteria building 200. The Navy League presenter will be Lee Hagan.
4. New Braunfels H.S. Marine Corps JROTC will have its spring awards banquet on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30 pm in the New Braunfels Civic Center. **Presenter needed.**
5. Fredericksburg H.S. Navy JROTC will have its spring awards banquet on Wednesday, April 12th. The presenter will be Glenn Looney.
6. Bastrop Navy JROTC awards date late April/May. **Presenter needed.**
7. Georgetown Navy JROTC awards date late April/May. **Presenter needed.**
8. Travis H.S. Navy JROTC awards date late April/May. **Presenter needed.**
9. Stony Point H.S. Navy JOTC awards date late April/May. **Presenter needed.**

Our sponsored Navy and Marine Corps JROTC units continue to be active. On January 19th at 9 a.m. the Travis H.S. NJROTC led by LCDR Kevin Sanders had its annual inspection and formation. I represented this council at the inspection. The Fredericksburg High School NJROTC led by CAPT Gene Garrett will be our featured Color Guard Unit at the February 16th dinner meeting at the Austin Women's club. I look forward to seeing this fine group of cadets again.

The general raffle at this month's dinner meeting on February 16th will be a Navy Sea Power coffee table book and an official USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD17) ball cap. Several of us were fortunate to attend the commissioning of the USS SAN ANTONIO at Ingleside, Texas on Saturday January 14th. Lots of chances to win so after you check in for dinner stop at the raffle table and buy at least 3 chances for \$5.

All of the youth organizations are supported by your annual voluntary donations. The Greater Central Texas Council of the Navy League has no dues but relies on your generous support. Please help us continue these youth development programs. Donate today-it is tax deductible! Thanks also to everyone who participates in the raffle but more importantly get involved and volunteer to present an award. Look forward to seeing you at the meeting on February 16th.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| • Board Meeting, Red Lobster | • 2 Feb |
| • Navy League Program (Woman's Club)
Vice Admiral Crea and CAPT Litherland | • 16 Feb |
| • Navy League Sea Cadets Winter Awards Ceremony
(Contact Jim Brotherton for Details) | • 19 Feb |
| • MC Drum and Bugle Corps, Fredericksburg TX | • 12 Mar |
| • Navy League Program (Scheduled)
BGen Darrell Moore, USMCR, Commanding General USMC
Mobilization Command | • 20 April |



CHUCK COOLEY



JACK RITTER AND BERNIE HILLEN



JIM HORNFISCHER

"The Commandant's Own" Band to perform at National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Texas

On Sunday evening, 12 March 2006, the National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg, Texas will host the



Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corps

together with the *Silent Drill Team* and the official *Marine Corps Color Guard*.

They will perform their Battle Color Ceremony at the **Fredericksburg High School Stadium at 6:30 pm**. The program is open to the public, at no charge. Donations may be made to the Admiral Nimitz Foundation to defray expenses.

This will be the first time this patriotic award winning program has been performed in Fredericksburg, hometown of World War II Pacific commander, Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz and hometown of the current Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Michael Hagee.

Website; www.nimitz-museum.org

For more information call: **(830) 992-2765**



**REAR ADMIRAL ALBERT GARCIA III
COMMANDER, ENGINEERING FIELD ACTIVITY, PACIFIC**

AT OUR DECEMBER MEETING RADM GARCIA GAVE A SUPERB, HUMEROUS AND INSPIRING PRESENTATION ON THE NAVY SEABEES IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR. HIS ARTICULATE AND PASSIONATE VIEW OF THE SUCCESSES AND PERSERVERANCE OF OUR SEABEES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WAS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF GREAT SPEAKERS. HERE HE ENJOYS CHATTING WITH MAX BEFORE DINNER.

RECENTLY SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDED THE COMMISSIONING OF THE USS San Antonio (LPD 17).



SYLVIA MILLER, MAX MILLER AND JEANIE COFFEY



MAX MILLER AND JACK MAYO



CAPT JONATHAN PADFIELD, USN, CO OF THE USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD 17) TALKING WITH JACK RITTER



USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD-17)



VICTOR NIEMEYER RIDING IN LAST YEAR'S VETERAN'S DAY PARADE



VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION:

Ned Ash

I'll Bet You Didn't Know...

In my first article for the Greater Central Texas Council of the Navy League's (GCTC) Newsletter, I would like to introduce myself and tell you what I expect to accomplish over the next year as your newly elected VP for Education. I am humbled that the GCTC Board of Directors nominated me for the position and am grateful that I follow in the footsteps of my friend and mentor, Dave Wells, an active Board Member and contributing editor of this informative Newsletter. I am pleased to announce that our turnover was completed in typical naval tradition. "I had it...you got it." The good news is Dave is very responsive to email and gets to edit my remarks. As our President Max Miller announced at dinner several months ago, I retired from the Navy in May 2005 and started work at the University of Texas at Austin's Applied Research Laboratories in August 2005. The several months of unplanned summer vacation gave me an opportunity to reflect on the importance of the naval service in my life and the desire to stay involved in supporting this great institution. I researched many of the defense related job openings in the central Texas area and found that most of the military defense work in my specialty was either in Washington, D.C. or on each of the coasts. As I anticipated, most government service jobs are filled by the service from which they originated. In an attempt to bolster recruiting, the Army ingeniously requires applicants to join the Army Reserves or National Guard. To stay in Austin where my wife, Jackie works as a teacher for AISD, I quickly realized that I needed to find out what contract support work exists here. Gratefully, the GCTC members and UT NROTC Alumni gave me pointers about who might be hiring. I finally received more than one interview at a fine learning institution that incidentally supports the military with sophisticated technology solutions. With the approval of my superiors at The Applied Research Laboratories, I intend to inform you of the fine work that they and other defense contractors in Texas perform. While teaching Midshipmen at the University of Texas, I introduced examples of this technology to inspire their Texas roots. Those of you who work for or support defense related businesses and would like for me to include a short summary of your programs may contact me through the GCTC website or my personal email address: nedash96@aol.com. I hope to keep GCTC readers informed of defense related Texas ingenuity that I'll bet most of you didn't know.



BILL WISCHMEYER



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GLENN AND RANDY EXCHANGE VIEWS



VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION: LEE HAGAN

The Council membership continues to increase. We are at an all time high of 291 an increase of 7 from October and a gain for the year of 21. Our annual retention was close to 82%. We encourage all of you to recruit new members. There are no dues other than the annual membership to the National Organization for which members receive the latest news, magazines and other information relative to the state of the Sea Services. For those of you who need to renew your membership, please do so early and for multiple years.

NEW MEMBERS DEC 2005

- Ricon Products, Inc
- LCDR Joe Cave, USN (Ret)
- MAJ David C. Hamil, USMC (Ret)
- MAJ Cullen Lumpkins, USMC (Ret)
- CDR Paul Richards, USN (Ret)

NEW MEMBERS DEC 2005

- Chester M. McKinney
- Julia N. Rae
- Ramon R. Rivera
- Paul Sanford
- Paul Richards

NEW MEMBERS JAN 2006

- Rod Ashworth
- Jaime Wise

From New York to USS Austin

Austin American-Statesman - Austin, TX, USA

BRUCE HIGHT

Friday, January 27, 2006

The USS Austin was commissioned in 1965 and named after the capital city of Texas. Its home Web page shows a Texas flag, and the ship's crest incorporates the City of Austin seal.

But the Austin's hero right now is the New York City Sanitation Department. New York City? The sanitation department?

In a daily round-up of Navy activities and news written by sailors and officers and issued Tuesday, the Austin — on patrol in the Persian Gulf — reported that it "had received a late Christmas surprise Jan. 20 when several pallets of care packages were delivered by helicopter." The care packages were sent by the New York City Sanitation Department, the Navy said, for a project that was spearheaded by Gloria Coletti, a 21-year department employee and the mother of Ensign John Holzer, who is assigned to the Austin. Calling herself a "mom on a mission," Coletti had decided to make sure that everyone on board — especially those with "no family backing them up" — got something for Christmas. The packages included DVD movies, snacks, books, toiletries and other items. Coletti, born and raised in New York and a Staten Island resident, sounded like it with every word in a telephone interview Thursday. Asked her age, she cracked, "My age? Are we going on a date, hon?" The answer: 52.

Coletti, an executive assistant in the department, said the project started off small enough, but when she asked a few colleagues for help, word spread and pretty soon everyone from the commissioner down was pitching in. Much like military service members, Coletti said, sanitation department employees — "New York's strongest" is their motto — know what it's like to provide an essential public service without recognition except when things go wrong.

The first shipment, she said, weighed over 1,000 pounds. The second was about 500 pounds. And a third will be sent soon, she said: "We're trying to space it so the ship don't sink." In return, a sanitation department flag was displayed on the ship, a picture was taken, and the picture is now on display in the department's lobby. The captain, by the way, is Cmdr. Kevin Flanagan, who grew up in the Bronx, and the ship was built in the old Brooklyn Navy Yard.

The Austin is an "amphibious transport dock ship," which can send ashore, by landing craft and helicopters, a Marine Corps unit assigned to the ship. It's 570 feet long — just under two football fields — and carries a crew of about 430, plus 900 Marines. **Glenn Looney of Austin, a leader in the Navy League**, said the local chapter of his group and a variety of school groups, Boy Scout troops and others shipped about 1,500 pounds of gifts to the Austin for Christmas. And, he added, the ship flies a City of Austin flag given to it by the Austin City Council several years ago. **Looney** noted that the Austin is the oldest active-duty ship in the Navy, except for the frigate USS Constitution in Boston. But the Austin is scheduled to be retired and decommissioned this year, he said. When it returns from the Middle East in late April or early May, Coletti said, she intends to be on the dock to greet her son. And, she promised, she and her department have "a big surprise for them when they come home, because we're not done yet." No, she wouldn't say what it was. That, hon, sounds like an intriguing date.

Find this article at:

http://www.statesman.com/opinion/content/editorial/stories/01/27usswaustin_edit.html



PRICE INCREASE FOR PROGRAM

The Board recently and reluctantly decided that the Council has to raise the meal prices at the Austin Woman's Club (AWC) to \$25.00 per person for our programs. We have held back from raising prices for sometime. GCTC does not charge dues as most Councils do, nor does it have an endowment fund for operations. We invite JROTC and Sea Cadets to be our guests, along with the Distinguished Speaker and usually his/her spouse. The net effect is that the programs operate at a net loss. We will discuss ways to improve the meals at the AWC. By increasing prices we should be able to continue to fund our projects with the JROTC and Sea Cadet Programs as well as other budgeted items.

SEEKING RECEIPTS OF THE PURPLE HEART

The Texas Capital Chapter 1919 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) of the U.S.A. is seeking the names of GCTC Navy League members who were awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. The local MOPH chapter wishes to honor those in our membership with a unique plaque designed by one of our own members, **Joe Cruz**. If you were awarded this decoration, please fill out the information below and give to **Joe Cruz** at the next meeting, or mail to his address at:

Joe Cruz
1059 Cedar St
Bastrop, TX 78602-2610

I was awarded the Purple heart for wounds received on _____, at the battle of _____.

Signed _____



University Of Texas Naval ROTC News:

Once again it is the start of a new semester here at The University of Texas.

The NROTC Unit has about 100 midshipmen, including our Officer Candidates and MECEPs. This semester we are looking forward to some exciting events:

- Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Richard Meyers will speak to the BN on 2 March at Bass Lecture Hall
- Spring Formal, 25 March, at the Radisson Hotel from 1800-2400. The guest speaker is Rear Admiral Marsha Evans.
- Annual UT NROTC Sailing Regatta, Saturday 8 April at Lake Travis
- Annual UT NROTC Unit Iron man Competition, Saturday 22 April at Town Lake.
- The Spring Semester Awards Ceremony and Change of Command will be Thursday 4 May 1400-1600.
- The Joint Commissioning and Graduation will be on Friday May 19th, location and guest speaker is TBD. We are looking at commissioning 12 Ensigns USN and 1 Second LT USMC.

As always there is an open invitation to the Navy League / Alumni Association members to attend our events.

This past December we commissioned three Ensigns: ENS Lesley Ainsworth, Surface Warfare; ENS Marcus Foster, Nurse Corps; and ENS Amanda Peek Nurse Corps.

CAPT INBODY



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE: TOM GRIFFY: February 2006

At the next meeting of the Navy League we will recognize by name those members of the League who have died during the previous year. This Memorial Service was inaugurated by Jesse Essinger and it is my honor to continue this tradition.

Although Glenn has been vigilant about informing me of deaths of our members during the past year, I want to ensure that the list is complete. Currently the list includes Kenneth Wallace and Robert Curtis. If you know of others that should be added to the list, please let me know. You can send this information by email (tgriffy@sbcglobal.net) or give me a call (453-6328).

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