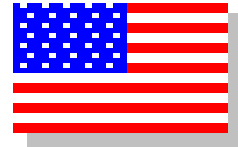




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NOTICE OF PROGRAM: THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2007

The GREATER CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL of the NAVY LEAGUE of the UNITED STATES will hold its next program **Thursday 7 June** 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 for membership. Extend this invitation to your associates. Your family and guests are welcome.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY 2000 Tuesday 5 June 2007
CALL GLENN LOONEY: (512) 327-7413 (rglennl@alumni.utexas.net)



The Greater Central Texas Council presents :

Captain Larry N. Ash, United States Navy
Commanding Officer,
Fleet Intelligence Training Center, Pacific

Topic

Afghanistan - Combined Forces Intelligence Operations

Experiences in Afghanistan in 2004-2005 as the
Combined Forces Command - Afghanistan Director of Intelligence

Captain Ash is from La Marque, Texas and was commissioned in 1981. He has had a variety of tours in the Navy but relevant to his presentation is that he served 14 months as Intelligence Director for Commander Combined Forces Command Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan between 2004 and 2005. He has been the Commanding Officer of the Fleet Intelligence Training Center Pacific since February 2006.

Captain Ash holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rice University, a Master of Arts from Georgetown University, and a Master of Arts from the Naval War College, where he was a Distinguished Graduate in 1996. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service, Commendation and Achievement Medals.



AT OUR APRIL PROGRAM
STATE REPRESENTATIVE CARL ISETT
(DISTRICT 84 LUBBOCK , AND CDR(SC)
USNR) PRESENTED VICE ADM COTTON
WITH HIS PROMOTION TO ADMIRAL IN THE
TEXAS NAVY SIGNED BY GOV. RICK PERRY



Glenn Looney, President, Central Texas Area/NLUS

NEED FOR ANOTHER COUNCIL IN CENTRAL TEXAS !!

I see a need for another Council of the Navy League in Central Texas and ask for your comments, recommendations, offers of assistance, and pledges to support this Council when formed.

The area that needs this new Council is well populated by former and retired Navy and Marine Corps veterans and patriotic citizens who would support the necessity of sea power and strong, capable Sea Services. This area once had it's own Council.

I am referring to the beautiful Texas Hill Country centered around and adjacent to Kerr and Gillespie counties. This area includes the National Museum of the Pacific War and the birthplaces of Admiral Chester Nimitz and General Michael Hagee, recently the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Fredericksburg High School has one of the foremost NJROTC units in Texas. What a natural the Navy League is for the Hill Country.

Please help me with your input. I would like to compile lists of potential members and of those who would assist me in organizing the new Council. I would like to have that organizational meeting sometime this summer. So, let me hear your opinions and advice.

Thank you for your support, Glenn
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE: JIM BROTHERTON



Since joining this council of the Navy League I have come to look forward to spring and its subsequent graduations and awards to youth. This month I was honored to represent the council at the UT NROTC Spring awards ceremonies. At this event I presented a Surface Warfare Officers sword to Midshipman 1/c Brown, an outstanding cadet for the year and the outgoing Battalion Commander. While watching and listening to the awards presented I felt an immense sense of pride in the youth of our country and have no doubt that these men and women will do us proud in the years to come.

Through most of my career I had a plaque on my stateroom wall/bulkhead that expresses my sentiments as well as most of my peers on our tours in the U.S. Navy "Any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think he can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction... I served in the United States Navy. John F. Kennedy". This quote says it all and today I am grateful for all that the U.S Navy did for me and thus today I try to give back to our youth what help I can.

Last week I participated in the Travis High School Naval Junior ROTC spring awards banquet by presenting the Navy League Youth Award to Cadet LT Veridiana Hernandez. I was impressed with the number of awards and quality of the cadets. All of the cadets demonstrated enthusiasm in the NJROTC program. The school leadership recognized the program as a positive motivator. We can be proud of our support for this school.

Last month we had VADM Cotton, Chief of Navy Reserve as our distinguished speaker. He captured our attention as one of our more brilliant speakers and we could have listened to him speak all night. Our distinguished speaker programs for the rest of the year promise to be equally outstanding. Stay tuned the rest of the year. For our 7 June speaker we have Captain Larry Ash who is Commanding Officer of the Fleet Intelligence Training Center in San Diego. Mark your calendar and bring a friend. Even better, sign up a friend today to be a Navy League member.



National Director: Jack Ritter (Note: This is the first of a three part report on our Navy League Legislative Affairs initiatives)

I think all of us can profit by taking another look at why the Navy League exists. The mission statement is pretty clear and is worth reviewing.

Navy League of the United States: Mission Statement

A civilian Organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services—United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and United States Merchant Marine.

The Navy League has **four main goals**: 1) to **educate** national leaders and the nation about the contributions of the Sea Services to national strength and security; 2) **support** the men and women of the Sea Services; 3) **Provide assistance** to the Sea Services; and 4) **support** youth programs. The **Legislative Affairs** program focuses on the first goal. In future ANCHORS I will provide some detailed assessments on what we have accomplished and our plans for this year. Stay tuned!!

Central Texas Council Well Represented at Lone Star Region Meeting 4-5 May in Ingleside

Five members of the Greater Central Texas Council (GCTC) of the Navy League, James Brotherton, Jeanie Coffey, Glenn Looney, Max Miller, and Jack Ritter attended the Lone Star Region (LSR) meeting in Ingleside on May 4-5, 2007. The meeting was well attended by Navy League members from all across the state. John Panneton, the National President of the National Navy League and his wife attended and he left with a very favorable impression of Navy Leaguers and what we are doing in the State of Texas.

Glenn Looney presented an update from the NLUS IT Committee and discussed the current National NL data base and the addition of a new award category this year, an award for Websites as a part of the existing Mackie Award for Newsletters. Websites will be judged under the same council size category as newsletters.

Jack Ritter, LSR VP for Legislative Affairs, led a workshop that discussed how to meet with members of congress (MOC) and carry the correct NL message to them. Texas (LSR) leads the nation in making visits to MOC's. Jeanie Coffey and Max Miller were a part of this workshop which concluded with a panel discussion.



Glenn Looney (seated), Jack Ritter (L) and Max Miller (R) were re-nominated for National Directors



Jeanie Coffey address the members at the Lone Star Region meeting



Jack Ritter presented a Scroll of Honor by Bull Walker (C), Region President, and awarded by John Panneton, National President (R) for Jack's outstanding past contributions to the NL and as VP for Legislative Affairs for the LSR. (picture courtesy of Roger Wright, Ingleside Council.)



Jim Brotherton and Jack confer on the importance of keeping the drink cold.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program : CAPT Larry Ash, USN, CO Fleet Intelligence Center, Pacific Program : RADM J. Scott Burhoe, USCG, Assistant Commandant for Government and Public Affairs Program: RADM William H. McRaven, Commander Special Operations Command, Europe Program: Vice Admiral John C. Harvey, Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, (Manpower, Personnel, Training & Education) Program: RADM Dan W. Davenport , Director, Assessment Division/Capability Analysis Group (OPNAV N81/N00X) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 June (Thursday) 16 August (Thursday) 27 September (UT NROTC Alumni week) 9 November (Friday) 7 December (Friday) |
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**Navy League Members Present Awards to Area High School Navy and Marine Corps JROTC Programs.
Congratulations to all of the awardees and thanks to the members who volunteered to present.**

School	Award Date	Recipient	Presenter	Comments
Sea Cadets:				
William B. Travis Division Navy League Cadet Corps	04/15/07	SN Erick A. Meiner	Lee Hagan	Award Banquet, Sunday, April 15, 2007 Museum, Bldg 7, Camp Mabry
William B. Travis Division Navy League Sea Cadet Corps Marksmanship Award	04/15/07	Petty Officer 1 Edward R. Hall	Lee Hagan	Award Banquet, Sunday, April 15, 2007 Museum, Bldg 7, Camp Mabry
Junior ROTC: High School:				
Bastrop High School NJROTC (LCdr Cave)	05/01/07	Cadet Chief Petty Officer Cameron Hutson	Horace Johnson,	Location: Main Gym, Bastrop HS, Tuesday, 05/01/07 at 18:30 hours
Fredericksburg High School NJROTC (Capt Garrett)	04/28/07	Cadet LCDR Ryan Booth	Glenn Looney	Presented at NL Dinner Meeting: March 2007 and at the HS on 28 April 2007
Georgetown High School NJROTC (CAPT Gusman)	04/24/07	Cadet Lieutenant Stephen Kimble	Lee Hagan	Georgetown HS Performing Arts Center: 18:00 hrs, 24 April, 2007
Jack C. Hays High School MCJROTC (Maj Ham il)	05/09/07	Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Tamara Crockett	Tim Hunsberger	Hays CISD, Performing Arts Center, Wednesday, 05/09/07: request presenter NLT 18:30
New Braunfels High School MCJROTC (LtCol Weston)	04/26/07	Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Stephen Schuster	Presented by: School Principal	Awards Banquet will be in the New Braunfels Civic Center, on Thursday, April 26, 2007, 18:30 hours
New Braunfels High School MCJROTC (LtCol Weston) Marksmanship Award	TBD	Cadet Gunnery Sergeant Ryan Collins	Lee Hagan	TBD
Round Rock High School MCJROTC (Maj Lumpkins)	05/11/07	Cadet Lance Corporal John Santiago	Lee Hagan	Awards in cafeteria Bldg 200 RRHS: Thursday 05/11/07 dinner 18:00 ceremony 19:00
Round Rock High School MCJROTC (Maj Lumpkins) Marksmanship Award	05/11/07	Cadet First Sergeant Hannah Reeves	Lee Hagan	Awards in cafeteria Bldg 200 RRHS: Thursday 05/11/07 dinner 18:00 ceremony 19:00
Stony Point High School NJROTC - (LCDR Sanders)	04/27/07	Cadet Commander Amanda Hernandez	Randy Patterson	Awards Ceremony, Friday, 04/27/07 at 14:00 hrs, on the Stony Point parade deck (behind portable 1, Blacktop field
Travis High School NJROTC (CDR Cizek)	05/08/07	Cadet Lieutenant Veridiana Hernandez	Jim Brotherton	2007 Travis HS, in the cafeteria. Time TBD
Brenham High School MCJROTC Capt Tofel:	04/20/07	Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Williams	Max Miller	Award presented at NL Dinner 04/20/2007

The Council was recently informed that long time members **CDR David R. Womack, Jr., USN (Ret) and Dr. Stuart Nemir, Jr.**, passed away. The Board donated \$100 each to the Jones Scholarship Fund in their honor.

MEMORIES OF THE OUR PROGRAMS ON 20 APRIL AND OUR GUEST, VICE ADMIRAL JOHN COTTON, USN
CHIEF OF NAVAL RESERVE



Heart of Texas Marine Corps Families

Recently the Board agreed to assist in supporting the efforts of the “*Heart of Texas Marine Corps Families*” a volunteer local support group for Marines and their families/loved ones who are in the Central Texas area. They are committed to providing ongoing support, friendship, and encouragement to members of the USMC and their families. They provide direct support by sending letters and care packages to those away from home, and visits and support to the medical centers treating our wounded Marines.

They are seeking donations and support. Anyone willing to help or to donate can do so by going to the Group web site to join or access information and messages. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HeartOfTexasMarineCorpsFamilies> or contact Nancy Castelline at 512-288-1429.



I'll Bet You Didn't Know... By Ned Ash, VP Education

May is typically a month for celebration. For educators, this is the time of year to take stock of student final exam results and honor those who will graduate and move on to higher levels of academia or career responsibility. It is also a time when outstanding educators are spotlighted and institutional accomplishments are lauded.

One extraordinary accomplishment was published in the Mother's Day edition of the *Austin American Statesman*. Congratulations are extended to The University of Texas ROTC Units for being awarded over \$580,000 in grants to expand the number of students graduating with Arabic and Persian language proficiency. Since naval officers are spending more time providing support and engaging forces "up close and personal" in the Middle East, one can easily understand the emphasis that the Department of Defense's ROTC Language and Culture Project is placing on this field of study. Having seen first-hand how difficult it is for Americans to learn and practice Middle Eastern languages, these additional funds are critical to improving mission success.

The Navy League's Greater Central Texas Council (GCTC) takes pride in the accomplishments of the fine educational organizations that help motivate students to succeed, particularly those organizations that educate Texans about our nation's sea services. Each of the five Naval and four Marine Corps JROTC Units sponsored by the GCTC recently held an annual inspection and awards ceremony. Honors were rendered and stand-outs were applauded. Many of the graduating students intend to enlist in one of the military services and attend college through service supported scholarships. An elite cadre of unit members has applied and once accepted to the college of their choice, will continue on to service academies or ROTC programs throughout the country. Based on remarks by VADM John Cotton, last month's speaker, these rare students embody the academic achievement and strong work ethic that the sea services require to protect freedom and our national interests throughout the world.

Curious about the activities of our area units, I took the time to inspect all of the sponsored Naval and Marine Corps JROTC Units via their websites. You can inspect them yourselves by following the links provided on the GCTC website mastered by our own Glenn Looney. Of all of the units I inspected, the Round Rock Marine Corps JROTC Unit and the Sea Cadets, COL. William B. Travis Division impressed me by their schedule of events, photography and educational content. The Naval Science Instructors and their computer-loving students have been motivated to share their accomplishments with their peers and proud parents. Short of the satisfaction received by participating at the events described on each website, I was amazed by the after-class contributions of the unit advisors and the journalistic integrity of the student contributors.

Speaking of dedication, I'll bet you didn't know that Jackie Ash was selected as AISD Elementary School Teacher of the Year. She and many other Austin area teachers take pride in growing the roots of patriotism during their student's formative years.



LEE HAGAN MAKES ANOTHER SALE



TIM HUNSBERGER PRESENTS THE NAVY LEAGUE AWARD TO CADET 2D LT TAMARA CROCKETT AT THE JACK C. HAYS HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL MC JROTC AWARDS CEREMONY 9 MAY 2007



OUR SPECIAL GUEST AMY J. PALMER, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS, OPERATION HOMEFRONT

VICE PRESIDENT ADMINISTRATION:

The Council membership is at 267. Our annual retention is at 73.3%. 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.*



Council Operating Fund

Don't forget to include a contribution to the Council's operations fund. Send your donations to **George Haley, 5616 Gorham Glen Lane, Austin Texas 78739-1741** or better yet, bring it to the next program. See you there.

Senator Cornyn Honors Service Academy Appointees

Senator John Cornyn will honor high school seniors who are newly appointed cadets and midshipmen to the U.S. Service academies with a military forum on June 2, 2007. The Navy League will be recognized as one of the sponsors of the event. It will be held June 2, 2007 downtown at the Omni Hotel from 1:00PM until 3:00PM. If anyone is interested in attending this non-political event contact Max Miller at 512-345-7297.

Support Your Council:

We all have friends that we can invite to a dinner meeting and once they know about our organization you might be able to get them to join. The key is explaining that the Navy League is not just an association of ex-Navy people but people from all walks of life that have an interest in supporting the maritime forces of the United States. That is every ones tasking- educate your friends and get new members. We also need your voluntary dues to support our council activities. We don't have dues but we rely on your support. George Haley will take your checks at any dinner meeting or you can mail it to any council officer. **Jim Brotherton, President**

USS Kidd Commissioning:

USS KIDD DDG-100 commissioning will be in Galveston on June 9. Anyone wanting to attend can contact the National Association of Tin Can Sailors for tickets at their website: ShipCommissioning@destroyers.org Tin Can Sailors will arrange for tickets for you (you must have a ticket to attend). Please include your Tin Can Sailors membership number in your e-mail. We do not know whether they also handle tickets for Navy League members.



GLENN LOONEY, National Director

A couple of weeks ago, we had the privilege of attending the Fredericksburg High School (FHS) Naval JROTC annual awards ceremony and ball. Even more rewarding to me was the opportunity to present the Theodore Roosevelt Navy league Youth Medal to the outstanding cadet of that unit, Company Commander Cadet LCDR Ryan Booth.

We have watched this FHS NJROTC unit grow and increasingly excel over its five years of existence. Now completing his fourth year as Senior Naval Science Instructor, Council member CAPT Gene Garrett, USN, Retired, assisted by 1SGT Ricardo Lopez USMC, Ret., has perhaps completed the most successful year yet, one that included overcoming some adversity, but also reaching new levels of achievement. This academic year, Fredericksburg NJROTC ranked in the top five academically among the 72 NJROTCs in Texas earning them the NJROTC Unit Achievement Medal which goes to only three units. This also placed FHS NJROTC in the top 10 percent nationally among over 1200 units. Not to be outdone, the freshman academic team in CAPT Garrett's Battlin' Billies unit placed first in the State of Texas. Yes, Fredericksburg NJROTC faces a great future.

And, by the way, the 107 FHS NJROTC cadets have performed 4,080 hours of community service so far this academic year; that is about a full work week per cadet.

We also observed a traditional Navy change of command ceremony as Cadet LTJG Matthew Morgan was promoted to LCDR and Company Commander LTJG Katherine Tanner was promoted to LT and Company Executive Officer. An interesting side note on this change of command is that LCDR Ryan Booth who had stepped up to Company Commander at mid-year could have continued in that position, but graciously and unselfishly stepped down so that others could move up and serve. He has committed himself as a Senior to serve the unit in other capacities and assist the other offers.

CAPT Garrett, who was also the Professor of Naval Science and CO at the University of Texas NROTC contrasts the NROTC and NJROTC programs as different challenges. NROTC midshipmen arrive at the university with more maturity, social skills, discipline and generally are the cream of the crop having been selected competitively for the program. The NJROTC is open to all students in the high school who wish to "walk on" and they represent a cross section of the community with a diversity of academic skills, physical abilities, attitudes, and generally are not prepared for the demands and standards of the NJROTC unit. But, they are all good kids willing to try. So, Gene has the opportunity to build and mold discipline, character, and responsibility and turn out kids with motivation and goals in life. To see his graduating Seniors you know he is doing an excellent job and you can only look on with pride at the outstanding company of cadets that he leads.

Such ceremonies as the one I attended occur each spring at the nine NJROTC and MCJROTC Units which our Council sponsors. We urge you as a member of our Council to sign up to take part in these rewarding experiences. There will be nine more awards ceremonies next Spring. Please contact us now and let us know that you wish to participate. But, I will continue to do Fredericksburg NJROTC honors.

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