

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



Directors attending (alphabetical by last name):

Peggy Jones	Jack Mayo	Randy Patterson	Stephen Smith
Glenn Looney	Max Miller	Jack Ritter	Tom Uhl

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

Bruce Byron	Jeanie Coffey	Lee Hagan	George Haley
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Call to order:

Chairman Max Miller called the 10 October 2007 board meeting of the Greater Central Texas Council (hereafter GCTC) of the Navy League of the United States (hereafter NLUS) to order at 12:07

Minutes of previous board meeting

May 10 board minutes were approved on a motion by Jack Ritter, seconded by Stephen Smith.

New Business

USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) VIP Cruise: Walt Wilson, President of NLUS Alamo Council has alerted us that a few slots are open for VIP guests to cruise CVN 72 for a couple nights out of San Diego. GCTC is nominating UT Professors Tom Hatfield and Eli Cox, two members of UT's faculty committee for liaison with the ROTC units on campus. NOTE: following the board meeting both were nominated and both were selected to cruise as SecNav guests. They fly from Austin to San Diego 29 October, are flown out to USS Abraham Lincoln on 30 October, and are returned to San Diego on 31 October.

Revised budget: GCTC's October 3 business meeting included a report on Lakeway's *Patriot Fund* that provides an *IBOT* mobility system to Iraq amputees. During that 3 October council business meeting Lee Hagan made a motion, seconded by David Wells and adopted by our Council Officers, recommending the board amend the budget to authorize a donation of \$1,000 to the Lakeway *Patriot Fund*. It was suggested that the Patriot Fund acknowledge our donation when they present an *IBOT* to a Marine, Navy Corpsman, or other qualified Navy Department recipient.

The council is currently operating within a budget adopted during the 10 May board meeting on a motion by Jack Ritter, so Jack Ritter made the motion to reconsider the 2007 Budget and amend it to add a \$1000 donation to the Lakeway *Patriot Fund*. On motion by Jack Ritter seconded by Randy Patterson GCTC's 2007 budget was adopted as amended. George Haley plans to hand deliver our check to Lakeway.

Glenn Looney mentioned that when the council learns of a member's death, our council financial policy transfers \$100 from our General Fund to our George Jones Scholarship Fund in memory of the deceased. For that purpose, Glenn informed the Council of the passing of William C. Brown, Leah Lacy (daughter of council member Bill Lacy who did the USS Austin painting that hangs in City Hall), and Mrs. Stuart Nemir. The Treasurer was instructed to transfer \$100 apiece.

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Nominations for Board of Directors and Council Officers: Our December membership dinner constitutes the council's Annual Meeting including election of Officers and Directors for the following year, and the presentation of annual recognition awards. Jack Ritter will chair the Awards Committee with Glenn Looney and Jack Mayo serving as Awards Committee Members. The entire board will function as the Nominating Committee.

Council bylaws provide for the Council President to be re-elected to a second one-year term. The chair so recommends, and has obtained Council President Jim Brotherton's agreement to serve a second one-year term if so nominated and elected. The chair said the Nominating Committee assumes all current officers and directors are available for an additional term in their current office unless they advise him to the contrary. Among those present, only Tom Uhl indicated that he prefers to leave the Board at the end of his current term. Officers serve year-to-year, whereas Directors serve 3-year terms. Current directors and their terms:

Mr. Glenn Looney		Director (expiring 12-31-07)
Mr. Max K. Miller		Director (expiring 12-31-07)
Mr. Jack Ritter		Director (expiring 12-31-07)
Mr. Tom Uhl		Director (expiring 12-31-07)
Ms Peggy Jones		Director (expiring 12-31-08)
Mr. Jack Mayo		Director (expiring 12-31-08)
Mr. David Wells		Director (expiring 12-31-08)
Mr. Randy Patterson		Director (expiring 12-31-09)
Ms Kathy Pillmore		Director (expiring 12-31-09)
Mr. Steve Smith		Director (expiring 12-31-09)

For reference, the chair reviewed this section of our bylaws:

3.3 Number of Directors. The initial number of Directors shall be ten (10) Directors made up of nine (9) Directors elected by the Membership and the President of the Corporation, during the time that he or she is sitting as President. The Board of Directors may, by resolution adopted by three-fifths (3/5ths) of the then-serving Directors, increase the number of Director Positions. Election of an individual to the Board of Directors which is in excess of the authorized number of Directors of the Corporation shall be deemed to be a resolution to increase the number of Director positions by one, so long as the requisite number (3/5ths) of the Directors vote in favor of the election of the individual. The Board of Directors may decrease the number of Director positions in the same manner as it increases the number of Directors; however, the Board of Directors may never be reduced below nine (9) Directors.

The extra director previously authorized by the Board expires at the end of this year. The chair suggested the Nominating Committee name 3 individuals to replace the 4 whose terms end 31 December 2007 thereby returning the board to its original size.

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Other Business:

- (1) **Legislative Affairs:** Jack Ritter suggested we open a conversation with U. S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison.
- (2) **Sea Cadets:** Treasurer George Haley said he plans to coordinate the mailing of our annual Sea Cadet stipend with Joe Lamendola, our new Sea Cadet Liaison.
- (3) **Lee Hagan:** reported that Jimmy Hill and another adult leader of Capital Area Young Marines of Chisholm Trail Middle School have joined our Council. Lee will classify their membership size and assess their needs to determine whether he will recommend financial support. We have been giving \$100/year to NJROTC and MCJROTC Units, and grants of \$500 and \$1000/year to Sea Cadets depending on the number of youth involved. **Stephen Smith** points out that the Marine Corps views the Young Marines program as an excellent source of potential future Marines.
- (4) **NOSC (Naval Operations Support Center):** Tom Uhl suggested we look into the status of NOSC with a view toward a closer relationship with GCTC. **Randy Patterson** points out that those personnel who are not on active duty are potential Navy League members. **Jack Ritter** remembers we used to give an award to an enlisted reservist and a junior officer – reservists not on the staff of the Reserve Center.
- (5) **Glenn Looney:** Many non-members attended our 8 meetings this year – 7 dinner meetings plus the early evening reception – and we need to encourage meeting guests to become members. The Distinguished Speaker Program was intended to support membership growth as well as playing a key role in our community education objective.
- (6) **Stephen Smith:** Atrophy sets in when we take our eye off the ball. Council membership recruiting and retention must be stressed constantly. Excellent dinner speakers are a step toward those two goals. We must pound membership and retention. **Randy Patterson** points out that it helps member participation to have a mix of lunch and dinner meetings and early evening receptions – give members a choice so people who don't do dinner meetings also participate. Contacting members who need to renew is extremely important. **Bruce Byron** suggests it's time for the familiar goal of "every member bring in a new member every year."

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:08 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

Jack Mayo, 2007 Secretary

Max K. Miller, 2007 Chairman