

**REMARKS BY PRESIDENT GENERAL BUTLER
REGARDING PRESENTATION OF ADMIRAL IN TEXAS NAVY
TO PRESIDENT GENERAL LARRY MAGERKURTH**

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The Texas Navy can be traced back to 1836 when Texas won its independence from Mexico. Since 1958, Texas Governors have given commissions to deserving citizens. Before last Christmas, I nominated PG Magerkurth to be commissioned as an Admiral in the Texas Navy. Judge Tom Lawrence served as the endorser for this high honor.

In late January, I received a call from Governor Perry's secretary to set up a conference call between Governor Perry, Judge Lawrence and myself.

When the Governor called, after exchanging a few pleasantries, he told us he thought the resume material submitted was not up to the standards for the commissioning of a Texas Admiral set over 100 years ago. The conversation went something like this:

“Does this Magerkurth guy even own a sail boat?”

Judge Lawrence responded: “No, but he sure knows how to shoot the breeze.”

“Does he own any oil producing property in Texas?”

I told him “No, but he has been involved in some pretty slick deals!”

“Please tell me that he dresses like a Texan?” “Does he wear western jeans?”

I said “No, but he does wear some \$300.00 designer jeans”.

“Well, at least he has some money. Did he contribute to my recent campaign?”

“No Governor, he feels that his political contributions should be limited to politicians in California. He may have supported Barbara Boxer and Nancy Pelosi.”

“OK, does he drink good ole Texas sipping whiskey?”

“No, he has a much more sophisticated palate. Unfortunately, he prefers single malt scotch from the upper highlands of Scotland”.

“Does he live on a ranch?”

“Not hardly! He lives on a Country Club golf course in the middle of the southern California desert.”

“Does he even ride a horse?”

“No, but he and his wife have matching golf carts.”

“Did he attend one of our fine Texas colleges?”

“Nope. He is an alum of one of the Longhorns rivals - the Oklahoma State Cowboys”.

“Judge Butler, this guy sounds like ‘all hat and no cattle’. Why in the world should I commission this Left Coast dude as an Admiral in the Texas Navy?”

“Governor, you and PG Magerkurth are both members of the San Antonio SAR Chapter.”

“Well, why didn’t you say so in the first place? I’ll have his certificate in the morning mail.”

Ask PG Magerkurth to join me at the Podium.

Read the certificate. Present the Certificate.

Ask all Texas Admirals to stand and be recognized.

Ask First Lady Barbara Magerkurth to join us at the Podium.

“Barbara, I think it only fair to disclose to this group that you and I have several common patriot ancestors and that we are not only cousins (3rd Cousins, 9 times removed), but we also share the same birthday.

“Barbara, normally the highest honor that can be bestowed to an out of state female is to make her an “Honorary Texan”. Tonight, you are being presented a much higher honor.

“Governor Perry had no problem in recognizing you as an official ‘Yellow Rose of Texas’.”

Read Certificate. Present the Certificate.

Would all “Yellow Roses of Texas” please stand and be recognized.

Thanks to both of you for coming to the Laredo parade and to this convention.