

Dallas County Young Democrats

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Join us for our September Monthly Meeting

By Elaine Sanchez

The Dallas County Young Democrats are honored to welcome State Representative Allen Vaught as our featured speaker at the September 11, 2007 meeting (7:00 PM at Zubar -- 2012 Greenville Ave.) Rep. Vaught will speak about US foreign policy, its effects here at home, and how DCYD members can directly support troops serving overseas.

Rep. Vaught grew up on a ranch outside of Ft. Worth in Wise County. He graduated from Baylor in 1995 and received a law degree in 1997 from South Texas College of Law. After graduating from the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School at Fort Bragg, NC, in 2001, he served as a reserve Captain with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command. He toured Iraq as commander of a unit assigned to rebuild Fallujah. Vaught was the acting mayor of Fallujah; his service will be featured in an upcoming special, "Road to Fallujah," to air on HBO and in theaters this fall.

After six months, he was transferred to Sadr City, Baghdad, to teach legislative process to multiple tribal neighborhood councils.

He received the Purple Heart for injuries sustained when his convoy was hit by a improvised explosive device (IED) while on a mission to transport the daughters of a tribal leader to an American hospital. His back was fractured. As a result of his injuries, Rep. Vaught was honorably discharged.

In the Texas Legislature, he was appointed Vice Chairman of the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence and also served on the committee of Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

As a remembrance of the victims and our nation's losses on this anniversary date, we will be accepting \$5 donations for The American Red Cross.

Who do you Support?

By R. Kirk McPike

Interested in the 2008 primary elections? The race for President? Be sure to attend our meetings and join the Campaign & Party Relations Committee.

Details of DCYD's possible plan to issue an endorsement in the 2008 presidential primary will be announced at upcoming meetings.

Here's a general outline of how endorsements work: the Campaign & Party Relations Committee reviews information from candidates and makes recommendations to the Board, which in turn forwards recommendations to the general membership - the final word on endorsements.

Any DCYD member can join the Campaign & Party Relations Committee by visiting our Web site or signing up at a monthly meeting. Paid employees, consultants, or family members of candidates may not participate in activities related to the particular race in question, but can serve as committee members in other races.

A final decision on whether to endorse in the presidential race will be made at the September Board meeting, with the finalized endorsement procedures announced at the October DCYD meeting. Endorsements in the local races of the 2008 primary will be issued in February 2008, using a similar procedure.

Endorsements are just one of many things considered by the DCYD Campaign & Party Relations committee, which in 2008 will also be organizing our participation with local campaigns. To learn more about or to join a committee, please visit DallasYoungDemocrats.org.

Upcoming Events:

September 11, 2007; 7:00 pm
September Monthly Meeting
Zubar, 2012 Greenville Ave.

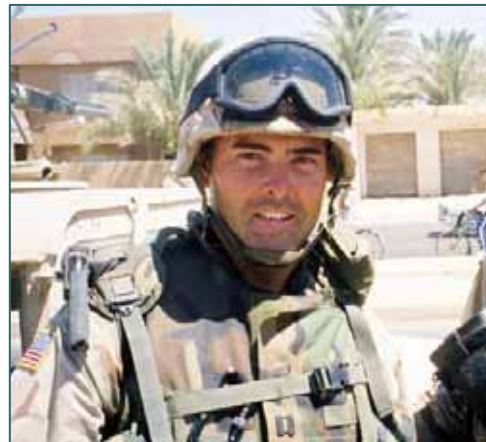
September 16, 2007; 11:00 am
DCYD at the Dallas Pride Parade
Watch our website for details!

September 25, 2007; 6:30 pm
Texas Democratic Revolution
2814 Main Street in Deep Ellum

October 9
October Monthly Meeting
Featured Speaker: Chuck Rocha

November 12
November Monthly Meeting
Featured Speaker: Lupe Valdez

December 6
DCYD Holiday Party
See Page 3 for Details



Above: State Representative Vaught received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in Iraq



Right: State Representative Vaught and family

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September 25 • 6:30 p.m.

Space • 2814 Main Street Deep Ellum

Great speakers! Great bands!



Shanghai 5 myspace.com/shanghai5 • The Kul myspace.com/thekul
Special photo exhibit by Sean Fitzgerald • www.seanfitzgerald.com

More details to come!

Thanks! Gracias! Merci!

The following Dallas County Democratic elected officials and leaders contributed to our fundraising efforts for the national Young Democrats of America convention. Thanks to their help, the convention was a great success for YDA, DCYD, and for Dallas County!

Dallas County Judges: **The Hon. D.Metria Benson**, County Court at Law #1; **The Hon. Robert Canas**, County Criminal Court #10; **The Hon. Carlos Cortez**, 44th Civil District Court; **The Hon. King Fifer**, County Court at Law #2; **The Hon. Carl Ginsberg**, 193rd Civil District Court; **The Hon. Martin Hoffman**, 68th Civil District Court; **The Hon. Peggy Hoffman**, County Criminal Court #9; **The Hon. Jim Jordan**, 160th Civil District Court; **The Hon. Martin "Marty" Lowy**, 101st Civil District Court; **The Hon. Bill Mazer**, 304th Juvenile District Court; **The Hon. Sally Montgomery**, County Court at Law #3; **The Hon. Bruce Priddy**, 116st Civil District Court; **The Hon. Lorraine Raggio**, 162nd Civil District Court; **The Hon. Doug Skemp**, County Criminal Court #3; **The Hon. Gena Slaughter**, 191st Civil District Court; **The Hon. Craig Smith**, 192nd Civil District Court; **The Hon. Mark C Stoltz**, 265th Criminal District Court; **The Hon. Ken Tapscott**, County Court at Law #4; **The Hon. Emily G. Tobolowsky**, 298th Civil District Court; **The Hon. Carter Thompson**, Criminal District Court #5; **The Hon. Ernest White**, 194th Criminal District Court;

The Hon. John Warren, *County Clerk*

The Hon Gary Fitzsimmons, *District Clerk*

The Hon. Craig Watkins, *District Attorney*

The Hon. Joe Wells County, *Treasurer*

The Hon. Darlene Ewing, *Chair, Dallas County Democratic Party*

Eric Moye, *Candidate for Judge, 95th Civil District Court*

Bernard Rapoport, *Former Chairman, Texas Democratic Party*

Diana Lackey *Candidate for County Tax Assessor-Collector*

Mikal Watts, *Candidate for U.S. Senate*

Dallas County Young Democrats Fall Events

Monthly Meetings



October 9

Chuck Rocha
Political Director, United Steelworkers

Labor Issues and Young Activists – We are not the future of the party, we ARE the party!



November 12

Lupe Valdez
Dallas County Sheriff

Challenges, progress, and goals for the Dallas County Sheriff's Department

DCYD Holiday Party

Thursday, December 6, 2007 • 6:30 pm

No monthly meeting in December - instead join us at 2814 Canton Street in Deep Ellum for our annual holiday party. Karen and Sean Fitzgerald have graciously donated their home again this year for our party. Watch our website for more details.

DCYD at the Dallas Pride Parade

Sunday, September 16, 2007 • 2:00 pm



Many members think this parade is the one to beat! We'll walk with the Stonewall Democrats and will have a table at the Lee Park festival at the end of the route. We are placed number five in the parade, so you can join the DCYDs, visit the festival, and still catch some of the parade. We'll post the meeting time and location soon.



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**Join us for the next
Dallas County Young Democrats meeting!**

September 11, 2007 • 7:00 p.m.

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2012 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX

About the Dallas County Young Democrats

Membership in the Dallas County Young Democrats is open to all Dallas County Democrats between the ages of 14 and 40. DCYD is one of the largest Democratic activist organizations in Dallas County, and one of the largest Young Democrats groups in the nation. Our activities include monthly meetings, happy hours, volunteering in the community, voter registration drives, speaker series and working on Democratic campaigns. For more information on our organization and a complete list of upcoming events, please visit dallasyoungdemocrats.org.