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PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Chief Warrant Officers Association



June 2007 Meeting at ISC Seattle



President Wayne Zuehls called the 21 June meeting to order and led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for those who have "Crossed the Bar" and a short prayer for those serving in distant lands protecting our freedom. Those in attendance were:

- OSC Jeff Bouche
- Bob Rhoads
- Gerry Ryan
- Jeff Shaw
- Steve Merchant
- Wolcott Younger, Aux.
- Marc Lebeau
- Carl Powers
- Eric Harrold
- Lloyd Gorman
- Lee Mann
- Weily Capps
- Tedd Allen

TREASURER'S APRIL REPORT

General Fund: \$2238.32
 BBQ Fund: \$1180.75
 Scholarship: \$120.00
 Memorial: \$131.25
 U.S.O.: \$1050.00
 Total: \$4720.32

Note: May report will be in next newsletter

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- CWO (Ret.) William Benedetto
- Frank Fountaine
- E. Swede Johnson
- Ed Martin
- Clyde Hutton

A Special Thanks To Capt Belmondo

As many of you are aware, CAPT Belmondo is the Commanding Officer for ISC Seattle. At our 17 May meeting, CAPT Belmondo joined us for our monthly luncheon/meeting in order to present a symbol of appreciation to the Seattle Chapter CWO Association for all the work and support our Chapter has done over the years.



Thanks Claude!

Once again, Claude Aschcraft sets the pace for the Seattle Warrant Officers Association by donating \$500.00 to the Captain Abney Bottle. The funds will be split equally between the U.S.O. and the Scholarship fund. Also, Claude has decided to move to Pinehurst, Idaho. We'll miss you

RETIREMENTS

CWO4 Ben Romero is scheduled for retirement on 1 July 2007 after 30 years of military service. CWO3 David Patton begins his terminal leave in May, as he also will retire with 30 years of service.

Way to go guys! With all that retirement money coming your way I expect bigger holiday gifts from you!

CWO2 Al Williams from NESU Seattle is beginning his terminal leave in May. Al is also retiring after 30 years of service.

Interesting Info from PSS3 Wayne Beals

Recently, Wayne sent this info that we thought might be useful information if you ever find yourself pulled over by a law enforcement official, especially if you're driving a government vehicle.

When driving your "G" car in Washington State to a job you may not be concentrating on your driving and the blue lights may appear in your back window. Listed below are points that may help you when this occurs. By no means is this legal advice, but it is a "what I would do, if I was you."

- 1) Always be polite and courteous to the officer stopping you. Being nice goes a long way. Denial is always a no no!
- 2) Always sign the ticket if requested to. Some tickets no longer need to be signed.
- 3) Ask the officer to mark the box on the ticket that says that you're driving as an agent of your employer. Sometimes they will do that but in most cases that is reserved for commercial drivers. If this is done, it will go on a separate employee driving record and not your personal one that your private insurance has access to.
- 4) If have a good driving record you can ask for a "deferred prosecution" on your ticket. You will need to get a hold of the court clerk from where the ticket is processed at to obtain that information. You will still pay the fine and a small admin fee. You will be put on driving probation for 6 months to a year. If you have no like offenses the charge will be totally dismissed. Thus you are saved from increased insurance rates.

Revised Code of Washington 46.63.070(5)(b)

"A person may not receive more than one deferral within a seven-year period for traffic infractions for moving violations and more than one deferral within a seven-year period for traffic infractions for nonmoving violations."

Upcoming Promotions

Congratulations to CWO2 Ted Allen. Ted was selected for the Warrant to Lieutenant Program and will put on his LT (railroad tracks) bars on 1 May.

Also, June 1st will be the promotion date for HSCS Eric Andersen of ISC Seattle to CWO2. Also, ETCS Jay Hollister from the CGC MIDGETT will be promoted to CWO2 this date. As a result of their promotions, both members will be expecting PCS orders.

Our chapters former Vice-President CWO2 Keith Hines, will be promoted to CWO3 on 1 June.

Thank You Mike and Bank of America!

Bank of America offered to match the \$500.00 that Michael Fisette donated back on 20 Jan 07. Mike asked that his donation go to the Fisher House. BofA will send their donation there as well.

Old Business
New Business
Good of the Order

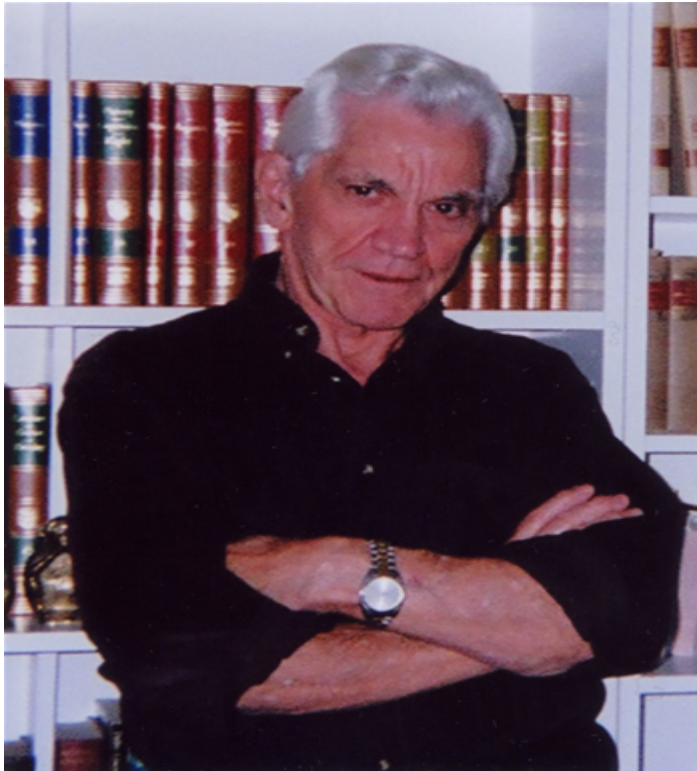
The Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association Proudly Presents Mr. William Benedetto, as our June 21st, 2007 Guest-Speaker

William Benedetto

Author of the award winning novel, *Sailing Into The Abyss*

Sailing Into The Abyss was awarded the [United States Maritime Award for Literature 2006](#)

The Author: William R. Benedetto



Come join the ISC Seattle CWOA on the 21st of June for this unique opportunity to meet Mr. Benedetto. He will be the guest speaker at our June CWO meeting in the COHO room at 1130. The COHO room is located adjacent to the galley. This way, members can purchase lunch and then walk right into the COHO room. He will also bring along 30 books to purchase, and will hold a personal book signing after lunch.

Contact any of the CWOA members on the front page if you plan to attend. Seating is limited. The cost is \$7.00 per person. The event is opened to all Chiefs, CWO's, Officers and GS-9 or above.

William R. Benedetto joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1946 and spent the following 28 years in maritime activities. He served aboard search-and-rescue cutters; rescued fishing vessels; handled port security on the Great Lakes; and served as Shipping Commissioner in such active ports as New Orleans, San Pedro, and Portland.

He later became an attorney and an avid student of merchant marine history, particularly the story of the Badger State. His articles have appeared in Harper's Magazine and USCG Magazine. He lives in Wilsonville, Oregon, near Portland.

PRESIDENT SAYS,

Hello all. The upcoming Warrant Association Newsletter from National will highlight important issues we discussed at the National Meeting back in April. Also, there should be a good article to include our very own Seattle Chapter Secretary, CWO Ed Martin; who flew to D.C. to accept the Capt John Witherspoon Inspirational Leader Award. Don't forget to put on your calendars: 6 August 2007, the CG Day Picnic will be at the same facility as last year, Lord Hill Farms which is located in Monroe, WA. Contact the ISC MWR staff for details and tickets at 206-217-6359 or 6357. Cost has not yet been determined but I suggest you call the MWR the first week of July for pricing info. Hope to see you all there and at the ISC Seattle COHO room to hear our guest speaker, William Benedetto, on 21 June 2007.

Wayne Zuehls, President, ISC Seattle Chapter.

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To our members:

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Name: _____

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