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PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Chief Warrant Officers Association



March to May 2008 Meeting at ISC Seattle



Vice President Gerry Ryan called the 20 March meeting to order, Treasurer Lee Mann called the 17 April meeting to order and Wayne Zuehls called the 15 May meeting to order; all of which were followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

Those in attendance from March 2008-May 2008 were:

- Wayne Zuehls
- Jack Woolery
- Ed Martin
- Gerry Ryan
- Jeff Shaw
- Rich Dawson

- Lee Mann
- Carl Powers
- Art Hebert
- Al Grantham
- ITC Steve Chipman (Making CWO2 on 1 June)
- YNC Arnaz Deal (Making CWO2 on 1 June)
- Keith Denman
- Jack H
- Lloyd Gurman
- Dan Pavolic
- PCPO Brian Brockmueller
- PCPO Garret Rogers
- PCPO Scott Croinex

TREASURER'S October REPORT

General Fund: \$39.69
 BBQ Fund: \$1434.75
 Scholarship: \$380.00
 Memorial: -\$29.75
 U.S.O. \$1400.00
 Total: \$3224.69

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Old Business

Status of the door lock for the new CWO Lounge. CWO Ryan has ordered the lock and the Facilities Engineering Division will install it.

Status of painting the new Warrant Lounge: CWO Martin's Port Operations crew is nearly complete with all the painting.

Coins: Contact CWO Dawson to purchase coins. They are \$10.00 each.

Old Business

New Business

Good of the Order

NEW BUSINESS

PCPO's were present at the May CWO meeting to present their Charge Books for Words of Wisdom.

CWOA National Meeting results: The President email agenda items, results will be posted on the Seattle CWOA web-site.

Present new Warrants: YNC Deal and ITC Chipman will be promoted to CWO2 on June 1st. The President presented the PNW Coin. Both members will be registering as members for CWOA.

Discuss summer BBQ's. Plan on having a BBQ in late June, tentative date is 19 June.

Planning a ribbon cutting ceremony in late June or July for new Pacific

Good of the Order: Fellow Warrants,

Good News! Bob Rhoades announced that CWO Wayne Zeuhls is the Warrant Officers Association newest Distinguished Member. Wayne was moved and heart-felt and gave a special thanks to Bob.

Pacific Northwest WO/CWO Chapter Report

Date: 4/16/2008

Members: 235 Active duty, Retired, and Reserve. Approximately 60% are Retired.

Chapter Officers: President CWO4 Wayne Zuehls, VP – CWO2 Gerry Ryan, Treasurer – CWO4 Lee Mann, Secretary – CWO2 Ed Martin (First time we've had all Active duty military on the Board in 20 years).

This Chapter was established in 1959. We are located on Pier 36, downtown Seattle. We have several Past Presidents as members including Mike Fissette and Bill Mattoon, also two distinguished members; Vince Stauffer and Claude Ashcroft. One of our Honorary Members and an Honorary Member of the CWOA is RADM Erroll Brown. Our meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday from 11:30-13:00 at the newly established Warrant Officer Lounge on Pier 36 building #7. We are a very active Chapter, We are one of the sponsors for the PAC AREA EPOY dinner, we hold summer BBQ's, holiday Turkey Raffles, we assist the CPOA, D13 Chaplains, MWR, CG Family Assn., and we support various organizations including the USO Puget Sound, Douglas Munro Grave site, and of course the CWOA Scholarship.

Installation Dinner: Pictures and an article were included in this months CWOA magazine. The dinner and ceremony were held at Pier 36 in the Bear Room. The event was catered by a non-profit organization that donates their proceeds to charity. We had a great menu including Chicken breast, baked Lasagna, and a great chocolate fountain desert with strawberries, bananas and marsh mellow. The bar was tended by our VP Gerry Ryan. As the MC I discussed the history of the Warrant Corps and Assn., also some of our events we held this past year. J.T. Green presided over the event, special quest speakers were Captain Roy Nash/D13 Chief of Staff and Capt William Belmondo/ISC CO. They all gave excellent presentations about the state of the Coast Guard, D13 and the Warrant Corps. Framed certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Speakers, and I also presented Capt Nash a PNW Polo shirt for standing in for RADM Currier on very short notice.

Fund Raising:

During our Spring and summer BBQ's on Pier 36, raised over \$400.00.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Turkey raffle, raised over \$400.00.

Raised over \$300 at the CG Picnic 50/50 raffle tickets. We gave out (3) cash prizes.

Capt. Abney bottle we raised over \$5,000 throughout the year and \$2600.00 of it from the Installation of Officers dinner, Capt Nash donated \$100.00, and Capt. Belmondo donated \$100.00. The big donations came from Mike Fissette (\$1,000), Claude Ashcroft (\$500) and John Crawford (\$500). These donations go towards USO, Scholarship, Douglas Munroe gravesite, or the charity you chose. For donations of \$100, \$200, & \$500 you can have your name put on a plate and mounted on the case which holds the bottle.

Charity Events and Sponsorship:

Donated \$1000.00 to the Seattle USO.

Fisher House: \$500

CGC Healy Diver Memorial \$100 in honor of (LT Hill and PO Dugue).

Donated (8) \$20 gift cards to several junior personnel with large families during the holidays.

Donated \$100.00 to the PACAREA Enlisted Person of the Year dinner held at pier 36.

Put two wreaths (\$320) on Douglas Munro's gravesite, one during Memorial day and one during a remembrance ceremony held in September, it was put on by the CPOA, XO of ISC was MC.

Donated \$100.00 to the CPO mess in support flags and cleanup of Douglas Munro gravesite.

Donated \$130.00 to the ISC for the Partnership in Education Program school program.

Donated \$150 for emergency help of two CG members and their families.

Donated \$50 to purchase junior enlisted personnel two tickets for the first D13 CG Ball.

We participated in Veterans Day events at Bremerton WA, also at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Douglas Munroe gravesite in Cle Elm WA. Had several Warrants participate in the Seattle Mariners Armed Forces Day Ceremony. We participated in the Family Assn. Stocking stuffer last Christmas, providing over 1500 poor families with Christmas gifts.

Other Events:

Attended 6 Chief Warrant Officer retirements presenting them with a Certificate of Appreciation along with a coin.

We held a special luncheon with a guest speaker: William Benedetto, Author of "Sailing into the Abyss", which was awarded US Maritime award for Literature in 2006. A book about the sinking of a Merchant Marine vessel SS Badger State, which carried bombs and cargo in 1969 to support the American troops fighting in Vietnam. We invited all CWO's, Chiefs and Officers to attend. Bill is a retired Chief Warrant Officer and Attorney and he currently lives in Portland Oregon. Bill signed each book after the luncheon and donated the profits to the Chapter. We sold 20 books that day.

We also had a visit from one of our Force Managers CWO Rusty Huyck. We had a luncheon directly after Rusty's presentation.

Held the second Annual Holiday Gathering. We served free food and drinks. Great turnout active duty and Retired CWO's.

Presented RADM Houck with a certificate of Appreciation and a copy of the book "Sailing into the Abyss" at his retirement ceremony.

Setup a stand at the D13 CG-Day picnic, sold 50/50 raffle tickets and PNWCWOA Polo shirts.

Coordinated with Capt Belmondo and Seattle CPOA to setup several collection boxes for personnel to donate items; such as clothing, shampoo, boots, etc., for the St. Martin De Porres men's shelter.

Participated in pinning on Ceremonies for new CWO's.

Attended funeral services for Warrants that passed over the bar.

Goals and Upcoming Events:

1. Grand Opening and Ribbon cutting ceremony for our new Pacific Northwest CWO Lounge and meeting room.
2. Invite other special guest to speak at our meetings.
3. Work with the Officers Assn. to host special luncheons with Washington and Oregon dignitaries'.
4. We plan more BBQ fund raising events on Pier 36 before Mariner games.
5. We will also make two trips to the Douglas Munroe gravesite again, Memorial day and September.
6. CG Day 50/50 Raffle.
7. Holiday Turkey Raffle
6. In May we will have a fair well and promotion BBQ.

New Items added this year:

We have an updated **web-site** www.pnwcwoa.org, Web Master is CWO Rich Dawson.

We also have our first batch of coins for the Pacific Northwest Chapter, cost is \$10.00 a coin.

Present a check for \$1,000 to the CWOA Scholarship fund.

Present a coin to the National President.

Presented by: Wayne Zuehls, CWO4, President

A PACIFIC NORTHWEST CWOA COIN?

Yes, our very own resident web-guru and IT specialist Rich Dawson from CG Electronics Systems Support Unit Seattle, designed this coin for our chapter.



Now taking orders for PNW CWOA coins, price is \$10.00 each shipping and handling included.

Please send a check or money order for \$10.00 and shipping information to the below address.

CWO Rich Dawson
 ESU SEATTLE
 1519 Alaskan Way South
 Seattle, WA 98134

Rich Dawson
 (206) 217-6589

Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball Saturday, September 13th, 2008 18:00

Hosted by
Navy League of the United States - Lake Washington Council

Westin Hotel - Bellevue
(across from Bellevue Square)
600 Bellevue Way
Bellevue, WA 98004

Information will be published in the next newsletter about online registration. Please contact LTJG Bill Millward at 206-217-6161 for more information.

USCGC EAGLE

The USCGC EAGLE will be in the Seattle area from July 2nd to July 7th. They are enroute to the Seattle area to participate in the Tacoma Tall Ships Parade which begins July 3rd. On the 2nd of July they will be anchored in Elliott Bay. At this point there is no plan to moor in Seattle. For more info visit:

http://www.tallshipstacoma.com/tall_ships_festival_sails_into_tacoma

The Annual Coast Guard Day Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, 9 August. The event will be at the Nile Country Club, which is in Mountlake Terrace, WA. Tickets can be purchased at the ISC Seattle MWR desk by stopping in or calling Art Graddy, at 206-217-6357.

The following Changes of Command will be happening this summer:

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| June 5th: Seattle Aids To Navigation Team. | Jul 31st: MSST Seattle |
| June 13th: USCGC MIDGETT at 0830. | August 1st: USCGC POLAR STAR at 1400 |
| June 13th: USCGC HEALY at 1000 | August 7th: SECTOR SEATTLE (tba) |
| July 3rd: MFPU Bangor at 1030. | August 8th: RBM-PRO in Kent, WA at 1530 |
| July 11th: NESU (Naval Engineering Support Unit) (tba) | August 21st: ISC SEATTLE at 1000 |
| July 22nd: CGC MELLON at 1000 | |

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS TO ALL THESE CO's DEPARTING THIS SUMMER!!

Pres Says,

Fellow Warrants, I want to take this time to say Thank You to our Past President and the Past President of National, Mike Fiset, and the personal endorsements from Distinguished Members Vince Stauffer and John Crawford for their nomination of me for Distinguished Member. It is an honor to be nominated along with the list of all the great Distinguished Members. To be awarded a Distinguished Member in the Chief Warrant Officers Assn. means a lot to me and my family. I sincerely appreciate all the support from my fellow Warrants and I will continue to be an active member of this Association.

A very successful meeting was held on Thursday, May 15th; if you missed it then you also missed a presentation by 5 perspective Chief Petty Officers, and the introduction of two new Warrant Officers that are scheduled to promote to CWO2 on June 1st. I appreciate all the hard work from my fellow Officers especially Gerry Ryan for setup and cleanup. Thanks also to Bob Rhodes for helping with cleanup.

Order your PNW coins now or pick one up at the next meeting on June 19th. See more info in the newsletter.

As summer approaches please don't forget to take time to remember those Warrant Officers who have served before you and have passed on. It is through their tireless efforts we stand today. Armed Forces Day or Memorial Day is a great opportunity to take some time and visit a veteran or pay your respects to a veteran who has passed over the bar. Please don't forget them!

Semper Paratus,

Wayne Zuehls, CWO4

President

"People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses, or the problems of modern society." "The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."
-Vince Lombardi