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PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association



The end of 2009 Edition

Well...ummm...yeah...it's been a while since the last newsletter...umm..I can explain. Sorry, it's just that I hate writing and stalled until now. Anyhow, this is as good as time as any to resolve to do better next year. I call this edition of the PNW CWOA 'The end of 2009' edition. I know, pretty original, right?

Couple of important things have happened this year. Somewhere I ran across an article that in January we had elected a new President of the United States. Never heard of the guy myself but would love to hear more stories about him on the TV, Newspapers, Radio, Magazines, Internet, billboards, etc. you get the picture. No media saturation there. VADM Robert J. Papp Jr. was just recently nominated to be our Commandant. Expect him to replace ADM Thad Allen Summer 2010.

A few notable tragic events unfortunately also happened this year with the loss of a C130 off of California with 7 souls on board. It had collided with a Marine helicopter which was carrying 2 who also perished. During San Diego's Christmas Parade of Boats, a Coast Guard 33 footer ran into a pleasure craft killing an 8 year old while enroute to a grounding call. A little closer to home, Ms. Betty Spillane who was the first CG Female CWO passed away in November. Our well wishes go out to all who lost a friend or a family member this year.

However, the year was not all bad though. We just had the first female CG rescue swimmer retire. LCDR Kelly Larson (formerly Mogk) retired this December. She completed Navy Rescue Swimmer School on May 23, 1986. So let's see ...counting...carry the one...that makes her...Wow, did you think I was that crazy as to say how old she was. Sheesh. Finally, let's not forget about little Baby Christopher Xavier Mellinger who was born this year. Second tax deduction...errr...child for Earl and Michelle Mellinger.



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TREASURER'S GENERAL WHERE WE STAND REPORT

General Fund:	Checking: \$975.38
	Savings: \$278.58



Happy New Year Everyone—Be safe!!

INFORMATION PAGE

From the CWOA National President:

Attention CWOA Members:

We are still soliciting nominations for the following Association officer positions:

PRESIDENT -- Only active duty chief warrant and warrant officers, who are Regular Members in good standing and stationed in the Washington-Baltimore areas are eligible.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR RETIRED AFFAIRS -- Any Regular Member in good standing who is retired is eligible.

SECRETARY -- Any Regular Member in good standing stationed or residing in the Washington-Baltimore areas is eligible.

We must have at least two nominations for each officer position so if you meet the eligibility requirements and are interested in one of the positions please notify CWO3 Rodney Cole at Rodney.L.Cole@uscg.mil ASAP. Also, if interested in one of the positions, please submit a recap of your Coast Guard career and include any CWO Association or Chapter positions held. Nominations are needed prior to the CWOA General Membership Meeting at The Barge on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 1000. At that meeting, any necessary voting will be conducted to reduce the field for each position to two persons.

CWOA membership is growing and we need to maintain strong leadership in our officer positions. This is an excellent opportunity to become a member of the CWOA Board of Directors so please let Rodney know about your interest in one of the vacating officer positions.

Brent A. Light
President

2010 Pacific Northwest Coast Guard Ball:

September 25, 2010, Bellevue, Washington

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

Nearly 700 members of Team Coast Guard enjoyed a memorable evening in 2007 and 2008. Officers, enlisted, reserve, and auxiliary - plus people from other services - had a great time at this event. Anyone who attended will tell you that it's formal, but by no means stuffy.

We'll enjoy a fine dinner, service toasting, appropriate ceremonies, a guest speaker, and dancing (the band is great and won't damage your hearing).

More details will be announced as they become available. In the meantime, please reserve the date.

Ticket prices don't cover event costs. Anyone wishing to help sponsor the event is asked to contact Ball Chairman Roger Ponto: Roger@ponto.com.

Mark Your Calendars: CWOA Installation Dinner is now a Luncheon

When: 21 January 2010 at 1130

Where: BSU (Old ISC) Coho Room in the Galley.

Cost: \$20

Monthly meeting will also be held at during this event.

Word from the new president:

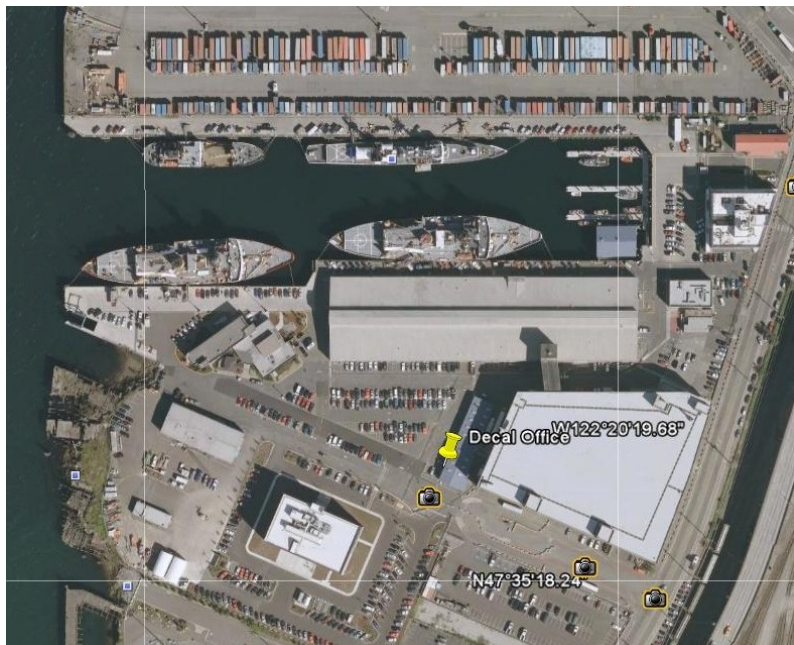
Fellow Warrants,

We are quickly approaching the Holiday Season so I want to first begin by saying Happy Holidays! We've had a couple of great events in the last 2 months, thanks in no small part to CWO Jeff Niblett, our Chapter Vice President. We had a BBQ in early October to help replenish our dwindling funds that we had used for the Tahoma National Cemetery plaque and dedication ceremony. Also, a big Thanks to Swede Johnson for supplying the wreath for the Douglas Munro event in Cle Elum, WA. I'll speak more on these and other events in our first newsletter of the upcoming new year. In the last 2 monthly meetings we discussed the low number turn out for our Installation Dinner and made a decision to try something different. This year we'll turn our CWO Installation Dinner into an Installation Luncheon, and have the event at our monthly meeting. As of now, the 3rd Thursday in January (21 January), 2010 will be the day of our Installation. The uniform for the occasion will be ODU's for active duty members and business casual for our Retired members and guests. Cost is 20.00 per person. There will be plenty of food, drinks and Sea Stories! The bar will be open and music provided by various artist. We had a great event last year and we expect the same or better this year. For tickets please contact any of the PNW Chapter Officers. Our website is www.pnwcwoa.org <<http://www.pnwcwoa.org/>>. Hope to see you all there.

Also, as with every year, there will be new board positions available from National. The CWOA News will be out soon, the ballots for several new Officers are enclosed so I encourage you to vote and mail in your ballot. The position descriptions and voting opportunities will also be in the next newsletter from National, so be looking for it in December. Also, regarding our chapter, if you would like to volunteer for a board position with the Seattle area CWOA Association, please let us know. The more the merrier.

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CWO4 Edwin Martin
President, PNW Chapter



Decal Office has moved.
The yellow push pin signifies the new location for decals. If you can't tell from the high quality photograph, the new office is located opposite the guard shack. You can park in the small parking spots on the right just as you enter. The decal office phone number is 206-217-6564.

Due to my not being at probably the last 4 meetings (I swear they were all legitimate operational needs), I have no minutes to add. Someone has the minutes, but at this publication time they were not available to me. My Apologies. In its place I am putting the '2009 Oh, yes, I remember it well' picture page.



I have this last page which I could leave blank or fill with some delightful holly and berries wishing you 'Happy Holidays' or I could put Happy New Year in colorful letters and lots of clipart. I think by the end of the season you have probably been plied with an over abundance of such things. So instead, for this filler/overflow page I will attempt to make you think or smile or just go 'what is this garbage' and then you can crumple it up and throw it away. But for me it sure beats just a plain ol' empty page I think.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to 'put your two cents in'... but it's only a 'penny for your thoughts'? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change?
They're going to see you naked anyway.

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a stupid song about him?

Can a hearse carrying a corpse drive in the carpool lane ?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?
They're both dogs!

If Wile E. Coyote had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

BACK OF MAILER

To our members:

Please note that the number after your name (i.e. (07)) denotes the last two digits of the year that dues are paid up through. If the number is 04 or below – then dues (\$5.00 Annually) are due. Please complete this form and place it in a self addressed sealed envelope to: CWOA Association (PACNW), c/o USCG ISC, 1519 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134.

Your Name: _____ Amount of Check included: _____

Your Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

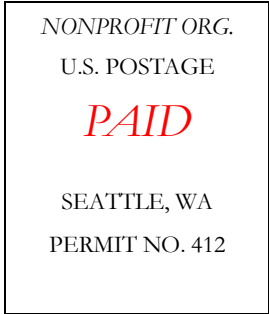
Your Phone Number: _____ : Spouse's Name: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Do you want your information shared with other members when they request it or kept confidential for Association use only?

_____ Share my Information. _____ Keep my information confidential. (Check only one, please)

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