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## PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

### Chief Warrant Officers Association



### *December 2007 to February 2008 Meeting at ISC Seattle*



Vice President Gerry Ryan called the 21 February meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

Those in attendance from December 2007 to February 2008 were:

- Franko Fountaine
- Al Grantham
- Bob Rhoads
- Eric Harrold
- J.T. Green
- Michael Fisette
- Jack Woolery
- John Crawford
- Ken Stuber
- Tony Espejo

#### **TREASURER'S October REPORT**

General Fund: \$1507.74  
 BBQ Fund: \$1438.73  
 Scholarship: \$1330.00  
 Memorial: \$00.00  
 U.S.O. \$750.00  
 Total: \$5026.47

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- Clyde Hutton
- E. Swede Johnson
- Ed Martin
- Gerry Ryan
- Jeff Shaw
- Rich Dawson
- Lee Mann
- Wayne Zeuhls
- Carl Powers
- Art Hebert
- Paul Tramin

## Old Business

*Old Business*

*New Business*

*Good of the Order*

*The Pacific Northwest CWOA donated \$500.00 to the U.S.O at SeaTac Airport for the 2007 Holiday Season. The U.S.O. wishes to express their sincere gratitude for our continual contributions to their organization that support our men and women in uniform.*

## NEW BUSINESS

A prior announcement went out for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors, especially the Treasurer's position. Well guess what? We have a new Treasurer! CWO4 Lee Mann of the Thirteenth District Command Center has stepped up and has volunteered for the Treasurer's position. Thanks Lee! Besides, Bob needs a break. The poor fella has served on EVERY position of the board for numerous years. It's good to give him a break. Thanks Bob for all of your service over the years.

**Good of the Order:** Fellow Warrants,

Good News! The Pacific Northwest Chapter now has a space for meetings and training! Ed Martin and I walked through the space. There is some work we will need to do but altogether, the space is clean and we can make it our own. Ed and I got some tables and chairs that were excess from the gym and there is a desk for a computer in the space. Our 21 February meeting was held in the office for the first time. It's located on the 3rd floor of bldg 7 (east end). (I think it's more like the 2nd and a half floor). From the elevators you have to press the button for floor 2B. NO MORE GETTING KICKED OUT OF THE BEAR ROOM! WHOO HOO! Also, the official name of the office will be the Pacific Northwest Warrant Officer Mentoring Center. Oh, and by the way, if you have any old but useable furniture or appliances and would like to donate it to our mentoring center, please give one of the board members a call. The numbers are listed on the front page.

Every year the Coast Guard Pier 36 complex hosts and sponsors a field trip for 50 first-graders from Hawthorne Elementary School. The event is called the Groundhog Shadow Day and was started years ago as a means for the kids to come down to the base in the month of February to "shadow" or follow the Coasties around so the kids can see what we do everyday. The venue has changed over the years and now we use the day to show the kids some of the Coast Guard platforms (cutters, small boats, K-9 dogs and the like). This years event was held on Wednesday January 30 (a few days before the actual day since Groundhog day was on a Saturday this year). Ed Martin gathered numerous members from the command to chaperone the kids as they visited CGC POLAR SEA, CGC MIDGETT and the Coast Guard Museum. The day ended with a great lunch by the ISC award winning dining facility which prepared pizza and hot dogs. Thank you to the cutters and the museum staff, as well as the galley staff and Coast Guard volunteers that made this a special day for the kids. Oh, and lastly, our Board of Directors voted to pay for half of the meal charge for the kids which came to \$117.00.

13th District ENLISTED PETTY OFFICER AND RESERVE PETTY OFFICER OF THE YEAR BANQUET. This years event will be held at the Integrated Support Command's Fitness Center Building. The event is scheduled for Friday March 14, starting at 5:30 pm. Tickets may still be available for this event if you're interested in attending please contact MCPO John Dunn at 206-220-7192.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time. Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

## **VA Has Added 20 New Vet Centers**

Peake: Expansion Comes a Year Early to Help Combat Vets

PHILADELPHIA – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake today said an expansion by the Department of

In February 2007, VA announced it would open 23 new centers during the next two years. Fifteen of those centers are already operational, and five others are seeing patients in temporary facilities while finalizing their leases. The other three facilities will begin operations later this year.

"Building on our past successes, 2008 will see a permanent increase in the number of Vet Centers, as we bring the remaining facilities on line to reach a record 232 Vet Centers by the end of the year," Peake said.

"To support this expansion and augment the staff at 61 existing Vet Centers, this year we are channeling a 44 percent increase in funding to the Readjustment Counseling Service, which operates the Vet Centers -- nearly \$50 million more than last year's budget," he added.

The community-based Vet Centers are a key component of VA's mental health program, providing veterans with mental health screening and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) counseling, along with help for family members dealing with bereavement and loved ones with PTSD.

The 15 new Vet Centers that are open in permanent locations are in Binghamton, N.Y.; Middletown, N.Y.; Wauertown, N.Y.; Hyannis, Mass.; DuBois, Pa.; Gainesville, Fla.; Melbourne, Fla.; Macon, Ga.; Manhattan, Kansas; Escanaba, Mich.; Saginaw, Mich.; Grand Junction, Colo.; Baton Rouge, La., Killeen, Texas; and Las Cruces, N.M.

Five additional Vet Centers are providing services in temporary space while they finalize their leases: They are in Toledo, Ohio; Ft. Myers, Fla.; Montgomery, Ala.; Everett, Wash.; and Modesto, Calif.

The final three locations where Vet Centers will open for clients later this year are in Berlin, N.H., Nassau County, N.Y., and Fayetteville, Ark.

Vet Centers provide counseling on employment, plus services on family issues, education and outreach, to combat veterans and their families. Vet Centers are staffed by small teams of professional counselors, outreach specialists and other specialists, many of whom are combat veterans themselves.

VA's Vet Centers have hired 100 combat veterans back from Iraq and Afghanistan as outreach specialists, often placing them near military processing stations, to brief servicemen and women leaving the military about VA benefits.

These outreach specialists meet with returning veterans, work through family assistance centers and visit military installations to carry the message that VA will be there for the troops and family members after discharge.

## **CAPTAIN ABNEY BOTTLE BIDDERS FROM JANUARY 2008 INSTALLATION DINNER:**

NAME	BID	CHARITABLE RECIPIENT
Captain Roy Nash	\$100.00	Scholarship Fund
Bob and JoAn Rhoads	\$100.00	U.S.O.
Jack Woolery	\$100.00	Scholarship
Claud Ashcroft	\$500.00	1/2 to Scholarship, 1/2 to U.S.O.
John and Anita Crawford	%500.00	Scholarship
Mike and Gina Fisette	\$1000.00	Fisherhouse (Bank of America to Match this).
Captain and Leslie Belmondo	\$100.00	Scholarship
Wayne and Teresa Zuehls	\$200.00	Scholarship

Note: If bidders need a receipt for tax purposes please contact our new Treasurer, Lee Mann, and he'll get you one.

## **Charitable Donations 2007**

The following are the charitable donations we've made as a chapter for the year 2007:




1-20 - CGC Healy Diver Memorial	\$ 100.00
1-26 - Fisher House	\$ 500.00
3-15 - EPOY Banquest	\$ 100.00
3-15 - CWOA Scholarship	\$1000.00
6-01 - Flags for Munro Gravesite	\$100.00
6-21 - Wreath for Munro Gravesite	\$161.00
7-16 - CG Ball tickets for low rate enlisted	\$50.00
9-20 - Wreath for Munro Gravesite	\$161.55
9-20 - USO Donation	\$ 500.00
9-20 - Emergency Help Debra Perna	\$50.00
12-20 -Emergency Help Ms Miles	\$100.00
12-20 -USO Donation	\$500.00
Total	\$3322.55

## A PACIFIC NORTHWEST CWOA COIN?





Yes, our very own resident web-guru and IT specialist Rich Dawson from CG Electronics Systems Support Unit Seattle, is working on designing a coin specific to our chapter. Here's a snapshot on what he's working on now. Thanks Rich! If you have any feedback or questions, call him at 206-217-6589.



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-  raised gold metal
-  sand blasting gold texture
-  raised nickel metal
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### **A note from Phil Smith:**

I'm starting to firm up plans for the get together - firm dates are 8-9 April 2008. I have sent PacBch a list of attendees - when you make your reservations call (888-463-6607 or 360-276-4414) let them know that you are part of the "Coasties" group. If you're not familiar with what accommodations are available at PacBch go to their web site and take a look - [www.navylifepnw.com](http://www.navylifepnw.com) . <<http://www.navylifepnw.com/>> .

4/8 Tuesday, 1730 to 1930, Welcoming Happy Hour - no host cash bar (\$200 minimum) - Finger sandwiches and other hors d' oeuvres.

4/9 Wednesday, 1900 Sit down Dinner Served - Choice of 8 oz. Prime Rib, with au jus or 8 oz. Fillet of Halibut with Lemon Dill Sauce - salad, vegetable, potatoes, rolls, butter, coffee and dessert. Bottles of red and white wine will be available on each table. (If you want beer or mixed drinks you'll have to get it at the bar).

What I need from you:

Your choice of entry Prime Rib or Halibut

Name of Wife and/or Guest(s)

A check for \$40.00 for each person. (\$40 will cover the cost of both the happy hour and sit down dinner).

Make check payable to me and send to 1807 NE 80th St., Seattle, WA 98115 not later than February 1, 2008.

IF YOUR PLANS HAVE CHANGED AND YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE SEND ME AN EMAIL AND LET ME KNOW ASAP.

Thanks,

Phil Smith

### **Pres Says,**

Fellow Warrant Officers the holidays are finished and we are heading for Spring. The installation dinner was very successful. I want to thank all of you for helping with this dinner. Thanks for helping setup on Friday and especially those who stuck around to help with cleanup on Saturday. Thanks goes out to Gerry Ryan (Bartender, setup & cleanup crew), Lee Mann (setup and cleanup), Rich Dawson (printed flyers and setup crew), Ed Martin (setup crew), and Bob Rhoads (Ticket sales). The caterers provided a great meal and service; they even included a chocolate fountain (low cal of course) with strawberries, bananas, and marshmallows on a stick. During the installation dinner I was very moved to hear a letter read by Mike Fissett which was addressed to National regarding a nomination to make me a Distinguished Member. I was very moved and honored by this because I believe the CWOA is a valuable organization that makes a difference in peoples lives. Thank you to all our chapter members.

Later in the year we'll be having our traditional BBQ's and other fund raising activities. We'll send out pictures of the new Pacific Northwest CWOA Mentoring Center once we've completed all the cleaning and painting.

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