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PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association



50th Anniversary Edition



Phew, where to start. First, Welcome and Congratulations to CWO4 Bob Rhodes in being nominated and accepted to Distinguished Member status in the Chief Warrant Officer Association. If you happen to be passing Bob, please make sure to take the time to stop and congratulate him.

Out with the old and in with the new: As I am sure that most of you know, CWO4 Wayne Zuehls has resigned as president of the Pacific Northwest CWOA and moved on to a cushy job at Air Station Sacramento. The illustrious CWO3 Edwin (Ed) Martin will be attempting to fill the large shoes that Wayne has left for him. My suggestion to you Ed is to acquire some odor eaters because Wayne has been camping out in those shoes for quite a while as a member of the PNWCWOA. Of course the guy that kept Wayne out of trouble, Gerry Ryan, has also moved onto greener pastures to PACAREA in Alameda California. Gerry as most of you know was the Vice President. He has been replaced by CWO2 Jeffery Niblett. Well Jeff, just 9 words 'Good luck trying to keep Ed out of trouble'. How many of you actually counted the words? Just checking. With Ed moving up to President it had left a hole in the secretary position which has been filled by yours truly, CWO4 Adrian Pope. The thought being that there is not too much mischief nor damage that I can do as Secretary. Little do they know...

But all silliness (or is it seriousness?) aside, if anybody has an announcement or would like to 'Pass the word' please feel free to email me at the address on this first page and I will try to get it into the next issue.

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TREASURER'S GENERAL WHERE WE STAND REPORT

General Fund:	Checking: \$772.38
	Savings: \$1677.66
	Total: \$2450.04

Congratulations to CWO Earl Mellinger (Wayne's replacement) and his wife, Michelle, for having their second child late Friday the 17th of July. The new addition to their family is a healthy baby boy, Christopher Xavier who is almost 9lbs.

INFORMATION PAGE

Tahoma National Cemetery Plaque: Wow, it is finally here. Please join the members of the PACNORWEST CWOA in the plaque dedication at the Tahoma Memorial Cemetery in memory of those who went before us. Mrs. Dee Hagstrom will be there to help dedicate the memorial plaque. Mrs. Hagstrom is the widow of Captain Axel 'Jack' Hagstrom, USCG - Retired who was a good friend to the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association. The dedication is August 4th (Coast Guard day) at 1000. If you get there early, do not fret, you can look thru the computer database for pertinent information of veterans buried there. The computer is located at the Kiosk in the visitor's center. Special 'Thank you' to John Crawford for being the POC and a driving force in getting this done.

Address and Email update: Would you like your CWOA Newsletter at the speed of light? Able to get to the juicy sections without having to turn pages and taking the chance of a nasty paper cut? Would the association like to reduce costs? Heck yea, so with that in mind, your PNWCWOA would like to start instituting an electronic mailing list. This of course would preclude the association from having to pay the \$185 bulk rate service fee a year plus the regular postage totaling over \$385. As an added bonus, you will get your newsletter quicker AND safer. We have not been keeping track but are pretty darn sure that there have been untold accidents from people slipping and falling to hurriedly check their mail for the most recent newsletter. We just do not want those tragedies on our conscious. So in the next month I will be calling each of you to verify your address and request your email address for future mailings. To those who do not wish to receive their newsletters electronically it will still be made available to them hardcopy. However, the PNWCWOA will not be responsible for any accidents that incur from you checking your mailbox.

Website update: LCDR Joe Notch and CWO Richard Dawson are looking for information to update the PNWCWOA website. Here is the web address for those who do not have it [HTTP://WWW.PNWCWOA.NET](http://www.pnwcwoa.net). If you have any ideas or something to add to the website then please email Richard.E.Dawson@USCG.Mil or you can write the association on the address label.

Come celebrate the Coast Guard's 219th birthday:

When: August 7th

Where: Nile Shrine Golf and Country Club. 601 244th St. SW, Mountlake Terrace, WA.

Directions: From I-5 North or South take exit #177 to 244th SW -205th St. - Hwy. 104W. Travel westbound for .3 miles to the golf course entrance, which will be on your right. Make a right onto the grounds and follow the road to the fork in the road, take the left at the split, you're there. You can turn left into the parking area or park around the perimeter of the picnic grounds.

Costs: TEAM Coast Guard Active Duty, Retired, Reserve, Civilian, Auxiliary and Dependents 13 years and older) July-\$4.00, Aug.-\$6.00. Dependent kids, 6-12 years old, July-\$2.00, Aug.-\$3.00. Tickets may be purchased at the US Coast Guard ISC Seattle (Pier 36) fitness center's MWR Office. Cash/Check Only. You may also purchase tickets at the picnic site the day of the event.

Word from the new president: Good day everyone.

I am writing to introduce myself as the new President of the Pacific Northwest Chief Warrant Officers Association (PACNW-CWOA) and to provide some information regarding the status of PACNW-CWOA meetings/luncheons.

My name is Edwin Martin and I have relieved CWO4 Wayne Zuehls as the PACNW-CWOA President. I currently serve as Deputy Logistics Officer in the PERSRU SPO for Sector having wrapped up a four year assignment as the Port Operations Branch Chief for Integrated Support Command Seattle. I look forward to this opportunity as PACNW-CWOA President to lead the PACNW-CWOA Committee and to collaborate with the many folks who make up our fine association.

As you know, the CWO Association meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Warrant Officers Mentoring Center but unfortunately I will not be there for our 16 July meeting due to operational commitments. The meeting will be conducted by one of the other board members. Oh, and by the way let me introduce them to you. They are:

CWO2 Jeff Niblett (Vice President). He just finished a tour of duty onboard CGC MIDGETT and is now assigned to ISC Seattle.

CWO4 Lee Mann (Treasurer). Lee works at the District building and is continuing to serve in the role as Treasurer.

CWO4 Adrian Pope (Secretary). Adrian stepped up to bat to volunteer as Secretary for our Chapter. Thanks Adrian!

As the new PACNW-CWOA president, it is my aim to keep our membership strong (I seek to increase our #s), bring in interesting speakers, and to promote and maintain the camaraderie and spirit of goodwill that our Coast Guard officers (reserve, active and retired) and civilian employees are known for. If you know of any new Warrants in the area please feel free to forward this to them.

Oh, and lastly, thanks to our many retired members that keeps our organization strong and has stepped up to bat to help keep me from trembling in my boots regarding this position.

Best regards, CWO3 Ed Martin



Bryan Hunt and Gerry Ryan tend bar during the June Warrant Officer barbeque and swearing in ceremony.



Your new CWOA officers (l-r) Ed Martin, Jeff Niblett, and Adrian Pope. Not pictured is Lee Mann as incumbent treasurer.

16 July Meeting:

Attendees:

Jeff Niblett
 Frank Fountain
 C.W Ashcraft
 J.W Hollister ESU
 John Crawford
 Clyde Hutton
 E. Johnson
 R.J. Rhoads
 Rich Dawson
 Al Grantham
 Randy Sommerville
 Jeff Shane

Minutes:

Pledge of allegiance
 Introductions
 Status of finances and budget.

Old business:

- Tahoma National Cemetery Plaque
- a. Flyer needs to be sent out.
 - b. Delegate who is to be master of ceremonies.
 - c. Notice to entire CG to attend ASAP.
 - d. CWO Dawson will post on internet.
 - e. Possible to have transportation from ISC to graveyard on day of event?
 - f. Uniform for the graveyard ceremony will be Tropical Blue Long.

CG day picnic

- a. Need volunteers to run booth/let Ed know if you wish to do it.
- b. Solicit for volunteers/helpers to run CWOA booth.

New business: - None

Good of the order: - None



(l-r) Mike Fisette, Bob Rhoads and Wayne Zuehls all proudly pose for the camera while displaying Mr. Rhoads Distinguished Member certificate.



(l-r) Wayne Zuehls, Vince Stauffer, Bob Rhoads and John Crawford take a moment to mug for the camera during the June Warrant Officer barbeque and swearing in ceremony.

District Thirteen 2009 COAST GUARD DAY PICNIC

SPECIAL THANKS TO
OUR EVENT SPONSOR:



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH FROM 1100-1500 HRS.
NILE SHRINE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, 6601-244TH ST. SW**

Ticket Prices

TEAM Coast Guard Active Duty, Retired, Reserve, Civilian, Auxiliary and Dependents
13 years and older) July-\$4.00, Aug.-\$6.00. Dependent kids, 6-12 years old,
July-\$2.00, Aug.-\$3.00.

Guests (anyone not in one of the above categories – friends, neighbors, other military, extended family, etc.), July-\$7.00, Aug-\$9.00. Guest children ages 6-12 yrs. old, July-\$3.00, Aug-\$4.00. Tickets may be purchased at the US Coast Guard ISC Seattle (Pier 36) fitness center's MWR Office. Cash/Check Only. You may also purchase tickets at the picnic site the day of the event.

Free for all children 5 years and under

Food/Beverages

The menu includes country style pork ribs, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, corn-on-the-cob, molasses baked beans, red potato salad, corn-on-the-cob, chips, watermelon,
Sno-cones and cotton candy

Drinks

Lemonade, soft drinks, water and a No Host (pay-as-you-go) beer & wine bar.

Entertainment

DJ/Emcee, Music, men's, women's, & kids relay & tug of war events, horseshoes, kid's playground, volleyball, Tug-o-war, hula hoop contest, kid's inflatable castle bouncer,
Wild Wet Roulette, baking contest, caricaturist artist drawings, and more.

Fun for kids and adults, rain or shine!!!

Directions

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to the golf course entrance, which will be on your right. Make a right onto the grounds and follow the road to the fork in the road, take the left at the split, you're there. You can turn left into the parking area or park around the perimeter of the picnic grounds.

Don't fret, just tear off this sheet for easy reference to CG Day!

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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