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**PACIFIC NORTHWEST
CHAPTER**

**Chief Warrant Officers
Association**



September to November 2007 Meeting at ISC Seattle



Vice President Gerry Ryan called 15 November meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

Those in attendance from September to November were:

- Nick Galash
- Dan Pavlik
- Art Hebert
- Paul Tramin
- Franko Fountaine
- Ron Kuntz
- Bob Rhoads

**TREASURER'S
October REPORT**

General Fund: \$2388.22
 BBQ Fund: \$14341.75
 Scholarship: \$380.00
 Memorial: \$-29.75
 U.S.O.: \$1400.00
 Total: \$5404.93

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Old Business

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New Business

Good of the Order

We are currently working with the ISC Seattle command to procure a CWO Mentoring Center. Currently the Chief Petty Officer Association has a CPO mentoring center that is used for Chief functions and mentoring activities. The Seattle Chapter CWOA is looking to provide the same services to junior and senior enlisted personnel while in a CWO specific environment..

NEW BUSINESS

We still have \$900.00 in the U.S.O. fund. There was a recommendation that we send it out for their Thanksgiving and December rush. .

Good of the Order: We need some volunteers to serve on BOD, especially the Treasurer's position. We could also use a Bartender. Rich Dawson will help us out by putting a calendar on our Seattle Chapter CWOA website that will

5TH ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE

The Pacific Northwest Chief Warrant Officers Assn. will be holding our 5th Annual Turkey Raffle. Tickets go on sale today for \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00, etc. Prizes will include (My choice gift cards) that can be used at 30+ Retailers including; Starbucks, Home Depot, Safeway, etc. The grand prize will be a 20 lbs Turkey.

All proceeds go to the USO @ Seatac, Douglas Monroe gravesite, and the CWO Scholarship program.

Tickets are available from several Warrant Officers in the area (see attached flyer).

DEATH OF SPOUSE OF DISTINGUISHED CWOA MEMBER

Dwight Broga, husband of CWOA Distinguished Member Charlotte Broga, died suddenly Sunday morning. Visitation was held at Bucktrout Funeral Home, Williamsburg, from 7-9 PM, Wednesday, October 31st. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Matthew's Anglican Catholic Church, 215 Main Street, Newport News, on Thursday, November 1st at 11:00 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthew's Anglican Catholic Church. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery later in November. Please keep the Broga family in your prayers.

CWO Calender Events for December and January 2007/2008:

December

- * 7 - Pearl Harbor Day.
- * 20 - PNWCWOA Meeting: 2nd Turkey Raffle.
- * 25 - Christmas.

January

- * 1 - New Years Day
- * 19 - Installation of Officers Dinner: Invited Guest; Presiding Officer RADM Currier, Special Guest Capt Belmondo and Rep from National CWOA. Uniform - Bravo's for new Officers, Trop's for all others. Wife's are encouraged to attend.

A note from the President concerning September CWO Activities:

We had a great meeting last Thursday in the Rainier room. These are a few agenda items covered.

We will be providing a wreath for the Douglas Monroe ceremony held this Thursday in Cle Elum.

We donated \$50.00 to help a spouse from the CGC Midgett that needed assistance. The Work-Life Branch has set her up with additional financial assistance.

The chapter made \$228.00 from our 50/50 raffle held during Coast Guard Day. (Thank you all that helped sell tickets especially Rich Dawson, Gerry Ryan, Bob Rhodes, and Russ Chew).

Previous meeting we voted on and approved a \$500.00 donation to be given to the USO. Gerry Ryan volunteered to bring the check to the Seatac USO "thanks Gerry".

I currently have an e-mail request to Capt Belmondo pursuing the use of a space in building #7 designated for CWO meetings, training, luncheons, etc. In the past we have always tried to meet in the Bear room although recently we have been bumped several times at the last minute for various reasons. I will keep you posted on any developments.

November Turkey Raffle Winners.

I want to take this opportunity to say congratulations to the first round of winners for the Annual Turkey Raffle. The drawing was conducted at 1300 today and the winners are...drum-roll please:.....

- (1) ETC Joel Rodda
- (2) MSS3 John Prendiville and
- (3) OSC Cathy Romero

They each won a \$20.00 My Choice Gift Card. The prizes will be hand delivered today to their offices. All other remaining tickets will be rolled into the next drawing which is scheduled for 18 December.

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND HERE'S AN IDEA FOR SERVING....**Holiday Stockings For Homeless Children**

Each year as families gear up for the holidays there are over 2,000 children in the Seattle area whom Santa might forget. These children live in 50 different homeless shelters around Puget Sound. In an effort to bring a little cheer to an otherwise dark holiday, some special friends are poised to do what they can to help. Holiday Stockings For Homeless Children is a non-profit foundation created by Coast Guard Families and friends. Its goal is to provide holiday stockings filled with toys, books, gifts and personal items for each child in area shelters. We try to combine the little gifts that every child likes to receive along with some essential items such as toothbrushes, gloves and socks that children off the street would find useful. Our gifts are appreciated. Shelters tell us that children hand their stockings by their beds for weeks after the holiday as a reminder that Santa did find them each year.

Our event will take place December 7th and 8th at Coast Guard Integrated Support Center, Pier 36. We are a non-profit 501-c3 and welcome help to create this little Christmas miracle each year. If you'd like to donate or get some more information, check our website: holidaystockings.org or contactbobette@holidaystockings.org or pearlgrantham@comcast.net.

Sincerely,

Jan Maxson

Pres Says,

Fellow Warrant Officers the holidays are upon us. I hope you all had a great Veterans Day. I took part at a large Veterans Day ceremony in Bremerton. I was part of the Color Corp., and it was my honor to carry the Coast Guard flag. With the holiday rush don't forget to take the time to remember those who served before us and our fellow military brothers and sisters currently serving in Arms way. Capt Belmondo and the Chaplin have asked me to send out reminders to the Pacific Northwest Warrants about a community service opportunity right at our front gate. The St. Martin's de Porres shelter is looking for some folks willing to cook, serve, clean, etc. They are also looking for various clothing items, including socks, boots, etc. See attached info and POC. We are seeking someone to take on the Treasurer position for next year, if you're interested contact CWO Martin, CWO Ryan or CWO Zuehls. Mark your calendar for the Installation dinner on Saturday Jan 19th, tentative plans are to have it in the Bear room. RADM Currier, Capt Belmondo and the President of National have been invited.

Have a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Wayne Zuehls, CW04

President

Community service info for the local shelter:

St. Martin's de Porres Shelter (located next door to Coast Guard's ISC Seattle on Massachusetts Ave) is need of volunteers to serve hot meals during the evenings and in need of donations of men's clothing and toiletries.

What does St. Martin de Porres Shelter do & provide?

The mission is to provide a hospitable, safe, and orderly shelter for men 50 years of age and older who are homeless. This is to be done in the spirit of ministry of presence which fosters attention to the individual and respect for each man's unique situation. This shelter provides nightly shelter to an average of 212 homeless men age 50 and older.

Annual Statistics:

Provides over 83,000 bed nights, which represents 83,000 times that a man does not have to sleep on the street with all of its inherent dangers.

Serves over 99,000 hot meals.

Helps hundreds of individuals move into private housing and more stable lives.

Over 60% of the men are veterans!

Volunteering:

Your time and skills are needed so the Shelter can focus their financial resources on providing safe, nighttime shelter for elderly homeless individuals. St. Martin's offers a variety of volunteer opportunities during the evenings from 6pm - 9 pm:

- Food Serving

- Clothing distribution

- Towel & supplies distribution

- General office work

- Professional services

To volunteer or get more information on these activities, please contact Marge Barrett, Volunteer Coordinator at (206) 287-1677 or email MargeB@ccsww.org. If you're willing to lend a hand contact