



CWO News

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2008 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

Rocky Coast Chapter Hosts Highly Successful Meeting in South Portland, Maine



The 2008 CWOA Annual Meeting was held April 17-19 in South Portland, Maine and all 24 chapters were represented. The weather was incredibly mild, even sunny and hot during the day although one could still spot many areas where old snow was still piled up. The hotel facilities (guest rooms, meeting room, and reception and banquet halls) were truly outstanding and our Hospitality Suite was professionally coordinated by volunteers from the Rocky Coast Chapter. Thanks to all who attended.

Association officers and chapter representatives outside the Wyndham Hotel Portland Airport.

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From the Desk of the President

In keeping with the theme of this newsletter, I would like to start with a sincere thank you to CWO Bob Dudley (Ret.) and the members of the Rocky Coast Chapter for being such gracious hosts for the 2008 Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine and for their downeast hospitality.

As I transition into the Presidency for another tour, I would like to thank the three outgoing members of our Board of Directors: CWO J.T. Green, CWO George Paidousis, and CWO Bill Reetz. They did themselves and this organization proud through their efforts the past two years (four years for Bill). My sincere thanks for leaving us an Association in great shape!

The following are excerpts from my acceptance speech at the Annual Meeting:

"...The preservation of our Association's history is so very important. We must continue to hold true to our core values, continue to support our fellow members and to remember that the fiscal security we operate in and support we receive from senior Coast Guard leadership is a direct result of the dedication, countless hours of volunteer work and the perseverance of our CWOA leadership for the past 79 years.

Never lose the fact that we are merely "stewards" of this great organization. And we honor our past leaders and distinguished members by continuing their legacy and by leaving the Association just a little bit better than we received it after each and every time we relieve the watch ... whether it is at the Association leadership level or at the Chapter leadership level.

Let's make one thing perfectly clear, there is no Association without Chapters and there are no Chapters without the Association. We have always and will continue to be joined at the hip and partners in every way...with two very clear and distinct roles.

The Association leadership is responsible for the overall health of our organization: From financial responsibility and accountability to representing our interests to Coast Guard leadership and to congress. Without this body we would fail to exist as an organization; however,

***It is the Chapters** that donate tens of thousands of dollars of their own monies on local charities and who support their local communities and Coast Guard families each and every week of the year.*

***It is the Chapters** that are going to the airports to welcome home our sailors, soldiers, and airman.*

***It is the Chapters** that are providing support to family members laying our veterans to rest in our National Cemeteries.*

***It is the Chapters** that are sponsoring events at Fisher Homes, at veterans homes, at local schools through the programs like Partners In Education.*



New Association President CWO Mike Maher speaks at the Annual Meeting Banquet in South Portland, Maine.

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It is the Chapters that are supporting awards to our enlisted workforce and mentoring both enlisted and officer personnel at their commands.

With all the technology we have in the world...the important thing – the core value of our services – is the young men and women we have the honor to lead. They are our present and they are our future. Reach out and help them to the level you have achieved by coaching them, teaching them, and mentoring them to get to the top of the hill.

Take the time to develop, care for and guide the next generation of petty officers, chief petty officers and officers.

Above all ... TEACH THEM HOW TO DISPLAY THE COURAGE TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AT ALL TIMES NO MATTER THE CONSEQUENCES, WHILE CHOSING WHAT'S RIGHT OVER WHAT'S EASIER.

In closing, I am extremely proud of the synergy that exists between the CWOA, the Specialty Force Managers, Senior Enlisted Leadership and Senior Coast Guard Leadership as we sit here today.

I will continue to build upon that framework and I will ensure that our CWOA leadership in DC continues to earn your respect and your support with everything we do. Thank you."

Mike Maher

CWO Promotion Ceremony

Emerald Isle Chapter recently conducted it's first ever CWO promotion ceremony. when SKC Jeff Stumpf was promoted to CWO2 (F&S) on June 1, 2008. Emerald Isle put on the promotion ceremony complete with script and fanfare. Emerald Isle Chapter President CWO Mark Moore emceed the ceremony with chapter Secretary CWO (Ret.) Joe Bower reading the history of the warrant officer. ISC



commanding officer C A P T Mark S. Carmel presented the promotion certificate while the ISC executive officer CDR Raines read the promotion certificate. Jeff's wife and children

(Left) Emerald Isle President CWO Mark Moore congratulates CWO Jeff Stumpf.

removed his chief's anchors and replaced them with new CWO2 shoulder boards.

Reflections of a Newly Schooled Warrant ... (Or, Oh My Gosh, I Really Have to Press These Uniforms!)

It actually started on the Sunday before school, at the airport in Providence. We were supposed to meet there after our flights, to get with the lucky (or unlucky, you decide) person who got the rental car on their orders. That was me: the "rental car on the orders" person.

There I was at the baggage claim, looking for the two fellows I was supposed to drive with to the Academy. You can always tell the Coasties. Maybe it's the haircuts, or a certain look: the eye contact, that confident stride with a bit of a swagger. Maybe it's the blue garment bag hanging over their shoulder. Come on, you know the one. You might even have one; it's the bag with the little Coast Guard shield embroidered on it. Maybe it's simply that "takes one to know one" thing. Whatever it is about us,

we were easy pickings and it only took a minute for us to single each other out from the rest of the herd.

A group of three, a group of four, another group of three. We all made it to the rental counter, but no one was working there. A note on the counter read, "Stepped away for a minute, be back soon." As we stood around waiting, another fellow came up with a suitcase stack in tow, obviously military. "Hey, are you with this Confused Group?" someone asked, and everyone chuckled. "No," he laughed and answered, "I have to go to Groton." At least we were right about him being military. He had that certain look.

The ride to New London was a relaxing break from the air travel and from the chaos we knew was ahead. It was a chance to grab a bite to eat, hunt for a decent local stereo channel, and get to know each other. We hadn't even gone to our first class and we were already networking.

Monday morning arrived, oh too early. Fall out of the rack, hit the rain locker, drag the razor around and scratch a toothbrush across your teeth. Put on those Trops and somehow manage make it to Yeaton Hall for – oh, yes –



CWO Jeff Slocomb administers the oath of office to CWO Jeff Stumpf.



Members of CWOPD Class 05-08

that first hot cup of coffee. “Ah, that’s better...” By 0730 there were 21 of us in the classroom, all ready to go. Introductions went around the room; most were frocked the Friday before class. There were the standard couple of holdouts; they had been Warrants for 2 or 3 years, and finally got around to Knife and Fork School. Also there was the usual one who flat out says, “I didn’t want to come to this class.” Monday was a good day. We met new friends; we talked about where we live, our families, where we work. And low ropes is always fun, whether it was at the Chief’s Academy or here. There’s something about watching a group of people trying to balance and walk along a wire rope two feet off the ground; stumbling across a basketball court wearing blindfolds; trying to cram almost two dozen CWO’s on to a tiny, tattered tarpaulin while other people are nipping at their heels with little rubber sharks. If you can’t laugh at that, you are seriously in need of help.

Then came Tuesday and Wednesday: the assignments, the papers, the presentations, the classes, the fitness points. Imagine taking a drink of water from a fire hose on straight stream. That’s what it felt like for most of us. But we chopped away at it. We worked in teams and we worked individually, and somehow, we managed to keep

our heads above water. By Sunday night, most of us (who had been working all weekend) were even starting to feel like we might make it through to graduation.

Tuesday of week 2 was another great day. You want to have some fun? Take twenty-one CWO’s, line them up and give each of them a sword to play with. “Okay people, we’ll have no unauthorized decapitations on the quad today, thank you!” Did I say play? Okay, it was serious training, and it was definitely good to learn about the history and traditions of the Coast Guard Officer’s sword, but most of us still had at least a bit of fun once we got on the quad. We started out a little more than dangerous, but no one lost an eye. By the time we were finished we were ready to compete with a Marine Precision Drill team. Okay, so maybe we weren’t THAT good, but we were at least comfortable enough to go back to our units and do a sufficient job if needed. We all really enjoyed lunch that second Tuesday, because we knew it would be our last chance to eat like the wolves that had raised us. Yes my friends and shipmates, it was time for Dining Etiquette class, the “knife and fork” part of Knife and Fork school: where each place setting had more dishes, glasses, goblets, flutes and silverware, than any of us have in our whole kitchen back home.

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Before we knew it, time had taken its course and we were almost to the finish. We could all see great improvements in our writing, in our public speaking, and in our knowledge of the CWO Corps and our roles in the Coast Guard. One final chance to practice wardroom etiquette with the School Staff over a wonderful lunch in the Officer's Club, a great morale evening of pizza and suds, and a memorable graduation ceremony. We shook hands, said, "See you when I see you," and headed back to our families and jobs. And that was that. By the way, I was one of those holdout Warrants. I am glad I came.

CWOPD Class 05-08 extends our deepest thanks to LT Austin Adcock, CWO4 Guy Cashman and CWO3 Jerry Fitchett for their hard work, diligent preparation, and flawless presentation of our course of study. Your devotion to duty is a great service to the CWO Corps. We also extend our sincere thanks to CDR O'Conner, LCDR Donahue and CWO4 Mullinax for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and pass on lessons to us. It was a privilege to sit with you and hear some of the wisdom gained from your years of leadership experience and distinguished service. Finally, we thank all of the guest speakers who presented various topics throughout the course, with special thanks to Dr. Susan Roberts and Ms. Peggy Bowen.

CWOPDC Class 05-08 -- "The Blue Falcons": ENG2 Steven Beasley, ELC2 Brandon Blanchard (Blue Falcon Award), MSSD2 John Carpenter (History Honor Graduate Award), WEPS2 Thomas Dice, BOSN2 Stephen Engle, PERS2 Paulette Gough (Asst Class Leader), BOSN2 Lawrence "Lars" Hollis (LIW Militare Scrittura Confusione award), OSS2 Phillip Jordinelli, AVI2 Robert "Hard Chargin" Kidney (LIW Aria Caldo award), BOSN2 William Latham, ISM2 Deanna Melleby, AVI2 Michael Middlestead, INV2 James "I'm Watching You" Noble, BOSN2 Darren Pauly, F&S2 David "Billion Dollar" Rudd (Distinguished Officer Award), BOSN2 Robert Shaffler, PERS2 Ronald Taylor (CWOA Long Island Sound Chapter Physical Fitness Award), BOSN2 Timothy "Tugboat" Tully (Class Leader), F&S2 Donald Wiley, ISM2 Kevin "TISCOM is NOT evil" Williams, OSS2 Michael Wood (LIW Penna Ardente award).

MSSD2 John Carpenter

"Walk Away Rene"

On April 10th, CWO3 Ireneo D. Manalo did just that, at least from active duty, as he retired from the Coast Guard in ceremonies at the Telecommunication & Information Systems Command (TISCOM) in Alexandria, VA. A veteran of nearly 30 years active service, Rene now works for the Coast Guard in a civilian capacity at USCG Headquarters. Congratulations Rene!



CDR Robert Lahs presents a certificate of appreciation to Mrs. Amor Manalo at CWO3 Rene Manalo's retirement ceremony.



The Manalo Family at Rene's retirement ceremony. (Left to right) CWO3 Rene Manalo, Rene's wife Amor, daughters Mhayren and Irene, and son, BM3 Michael, USCG

Some Help at the Gas Pump

If you're planning a trip, say to visit family during the summer, visit AAA's Fuel Cost Calculator at www.fuelcostcalculator.com. It will help you figure the total cost of your trip. Just

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enter your car make, model and year. Then select your starting city and destination. It also features a map that shows the average fuel prices by region.

A comprehensive site on gas prices is www.fueleconomy.gov. It will help you find the cheapest local gas prices and lists the stations to avoid -- the ones with the highest rates. You can also read tips for getting more miles per gallon or link to the AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report which displays the average price by state and metro area.

GasBuddy www.gasbuddy.com and GasPriceWatch www.gaspricewatch.com are two other sites that will help you locate good prices on gas. You can search by area, so you won't waste gas hunting cheap gas.

Americans At War

Instant access to powerful videos and stories from the award-winning PBS series "Americans at War" can now be accessed online at www.americans-at-war.com. The new website, launched by the U.S. Naval Institute (USNI) and sponsored by Lockheed Martin, features videos and stories which illuminate the actual combat experience from the perspective of the men and women who fought in America's wars from WWI to Iraq.

CWOA Scholarship I

"I want to thank the CWOA for my selection as a recipient of the John A. Keller -- CWOA Scholarship. I'm currently a sophomore at East Carolina University where I'm majoring in History Education. Rest assured I will put this grant money to good use... books and incidentals tend to add up quickly. Thank you again!"

Shelby Sapp

CWOA Scholarship II

"Dear CWO Association,

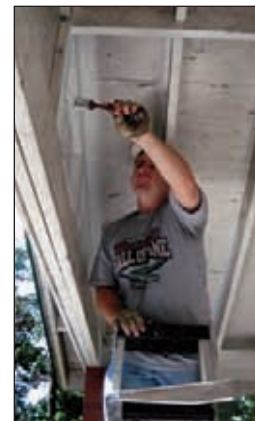
I was so excited to receive the scholarship. Honestly, I know it will be put to good use in the months to come. You have my endless thanks!"

Ryan Cortes

The Great Pond Clean-Up

On June 18th, more than 30 volunteers from the Washington, D.C. CWO and CPO Associations arrived at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Washington, D.C. for the Great Pond Clean-Up, an annual event that results in improvements to the AFRH grounds.

As per usual, a large amount (three truckloads) of overgrowth, scrub and trash were removed from



(Above) Painting the pond pavillion.

the ponds and surrounding grounds. In addition, a 90-foot railing/table was built along the edge of the pond to allow wheelchair-bound residents the opportunity to fish and relax without any danger of rolling into the pond. A new footbridge was built across the creek



(Left) Sean Fennell installs a lifering to the AFRH pond pavillion.

Warrant Officer (W4) Promotions

On 1 June, there were 84 CWO4 promotions. Of that group, 40 (48%) were CWOA members. Congratulations to the following CWOA members who were promoted to CWO4 on 1 June 2008:

Donald B. Tucker	Michael B. Hoag	Todd A. Murphy	Daniel L. Brown
Troy A. Dillman	Robert S. Fields	Hillary Stickle	Michael L. Nelson
Lowell D. Weidman	Adrian F. Pope	Mark S. Toney	Bryan P. Ellis
Quincy T. Merriweather	Timothy A. Monroe	Henry W. Holland	Roman A. Hrynyszak
Mark C. Hannon	Tracy J. Nixon	Ronald J. Fien	Jay T. Menze
William D. Dodson	Anthony J. Pesek	Scott D. Buettner (LT)	James J. Bailey (LT)
Rex E. Roebuck (LT)	John L. Thompson (LT)	Gregory M. Tarpey (LT)	Phillip D. Wolf (LT)
Oscar B. Lorenzo (LT)	Scott R. Williams (LT)	Glenn A. Benninghoff	James R. Koehler
Christopher J. Tarr	Kimberly A. Smith	Stephen W. Brown	John G. Feoranzo
Jack A. Fowler	Jeffrey N. Ponkey	Peter M. Valente	Shane M. Laws

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Warrant Officer (W3) Promotions

On 1 June, there were 142 CWO3 promotions. Of that group, 105 (74%) were CWOA members. Congratulations to the following CWOA members who were promoted to CWO3 on 1 June 2008:

Christopher L. Smasne
Huster G. Crider
Adren J. Devane
Mark G. Sheaffer
Michael J. Wren
Rodney J. Filippelli
Amber M. Winkowski
John W. Kenney
Matthew R. Sheets
Michael J. Brabant
Wayne J. Barfield
Scott R. Stephenson
Steven L. Gross
Timothy W. Jones
Frederick J. Storen
Allison R. Chandler
Sean P. Fennell
Joanne M. Stevens
Michelle B. Sawyer
Juan Mendez
Andrew J. Doody
Daniel A. Efram
Todd A. Dudley
Steven R. Elliott
Andrew J. Schock
Gary L. Strebe

James A. Todd
Nicholas L. Frascella
Wesley R. Parker
James E. Shelton
Stephen R. Lain
David E. Robinson
Steven J. Curley
Thomas M. Connelie
John J. Meenan
Michael E. Marion
Sean G. Woodworth
Seth D. Anderson
Michael A. Kimberlin
Donald McQueen
Robert D. Booker
Lawrence T. Lawson
Samuel P. Pederson
David M. French
James T. Goodson
Elizabeth E. McKenna
Jason S. Warren
Hermes Rodriguez
Lawrence A. Walton
Larry D. Jones
John P. Schmeckenbecher
Scott R. Stykel

Jerry J. Farmer
Joseph M. Edge
James E. Foster
John G. O'Hara
Richard T. Curtis
Alfredo Alvizo
Michael B. Arellano
John R. Doggett
William T. Kelly
David R. Osborne
Kasim Bernabe
Kevin A. Munsey
Zane Elliott
Brad K. Wise
Marvin Dunmeyer
Devale J. Collier
Steven E. Merchant
Jess W. Leist
Karen L. Huyck
Timothy M. Merrell
James R. Crump
Robert F. Hanley
Keith O. Brown
Kenneth A. Hawko
John A. Poiroux
William L. Showalter

David E. Pilitowski
Thomas W. Carroll
Neal J. Feustel
David Barkalow
James M. Spute
Aaron G. Tiller
James T. Speri
Paul E. Johnston
Bruce L. Jones
Scott M. Maliniemi
Dwayne G. Hellmers
Dirk E. Hepworth
Michael J. Derevjaniak
Timothy H. Weatherly
Leslie Boudwin
Marcus K. Nicholson
Amy K. Cerino
Duhamel F. Principe
Christopher T. Hedrick
Dominick Bulone
Wesley T. Pannett
Luther M. Greer
Eric S. Jesionowski
Jeffrey S. Kingrey
Christian Menefee
Patrick M. Flood

Christopher H. Hodgkins



(Above) Karen Huyck clears brush from the pond area.

between the two ponds and the large wooden bridge was stained. The pavillion adjacent to the pond was repainted and a shelf was installed inside it, providing more convenience for residents using the grills there. To top things off, a lifering was added to the pavillion with all the volunteers' names on it.

According to Ms. Melodie Menke, the AFRH Director of Volunteer Services, she and many of the residents were amazed at the transition although one resident



(Above) Drilling holes to hold fishing rods in the new railing/table by the pond.



(Above) Staining the bridge.

reminded her, "Hey, this was the group that moved the gazebo from the Lincoln Cottage to the Sherman Building. They can handle anything!"

2008 Annual Meeting

The CWOA held three activities in Portland, Maine during April, 2008 – The 79th Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee Meeting and a special committee meeting to consider nominees for Distinguished Members.

Special Committee to consider nominees for Distinguished Membership

Four CWOA members were nominated for Distinguished Membership in the Association. The special committee elected CWO4 (F&S) Tracy W. (Wayne) Zuehls, USCG to Distinguished Membership in the association.

Annual General Membership Meeting

The 79th Annual Meeting of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, USCG was conducted between April 17 and 19. There were 37 members in attendance, with all Chapters represented.

The President thanked the Rocky Coast Chapter for the fine job they did in setting up this year's annual meeting. He announced the location of the Hospitality Suite.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 6, 2007 General Membership Meeting were approved and placed on file.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurer's Report for the period 1 July 2007 through 6 April 2008 reflected profit of \$114,754 year to date. However, \$91,921 was a donation upon the death of a member (CWO4 Louis L. Bayers, Ret.). That donation has been transferred into the CWOA Building Fund.

Membership Report: The Membership Report for the period 1 April 2007 through 31 March 2008 reflected a net gain of 36 members during the past year, for a total regular membership of 3,331.

President's Report: The President announced that he just returned from four months of TAD on the west coast. He thanked CWO Joanne Stevens, VP for conducting Association business in his absence. He announced that he was successful in forming six of the eight committees he wanted to form. He was unable to form the Barge Relocation committee and the Barge Renovation committee due to lack of volunteers.

Vice President of Retired Affairs: The Vice President of Retired Affairs discussed the procedures to be buried in a National Cemetery with Honorary Pallbearers. He commented that because he lives so far from DC he only physically attended two meetings, however, he participated in all the other meetings via teleconference. He thanked everyone on the Board of

Welcome Reception

On Wednesday evening, April 16th, CWOA officers, chapter representatives, local Association members and several spouses gathered in the Sebago Room of the Wyndham Portland Airport Hotel for a Welcome Reception. Entertainment was provided by CWO3 (BOSN) Chuck Schneider (Ret.) who played musical favorites and sang for nearly three hours. Thanks Chuck!



(Above) Ed Swift talks shop at the reception.

and prepare for the next few days of meetings. Name tags and information kits were provided and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie.



(Above) Ready to party are (l to r) Wayne Zuehls, Dave Daniels, Jerry Lewis, Mattie Matteson, Earl Ryder, Rick Barrett, and Bill Reetz.



(Left) Wayne Zuehls finds out that Bill Giessman's head isn't quite as flat as a table to the delight of Al Beal.

Directors and the Chapters for a successful year.

The President thanked CWO Bill Reetz for his service during the past 4 years.

Ballot Committee Report: The Ballot Committee Report on the 2008 elections was received. Successful candidates were CWO Mike Maher for President; CWO Randy Cornell for Vice President of Retired Affairs; and CWO Bob Lewis for Secretary.

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Permanent Finance Committee: The Permanent Finance Committee report of 11 March 2008 reflected that the association had savings and investments with a value of \$471,331. The committee recommended no changes at this time. However, the committee reported that in light of the \$90,921 donation recently received and the donation in excess of \$240,000 to the CWO John A. Keller-CWOA Scholarship Grant to be received from the estate of LT Art Colona, the Permanent Finance Committee will need to take a hard look at investments during this quarter.

Scholarship Committee Report: The Scholarship Committee Report was received and placed on file. Committee Chairman CWO Al Beal discussed the logistics of having a committee from four chapters consider the applications. The names of the recipients of the nine \$750 grants were published in the May-June issue of the CWO News.

Financial Review Committee Report: The Financial Review Committee Report for the period 1 July 2006 through 30 June 2007 was received. The committee identified several administrative issues and errors. However, their report clearly reflected that all funds were present and that there was no indication of impropriety.

Records Disposition Committee Report: The Records Disposition Committee Report of April 16, 2008 reflected that a more thorough review of the records to be retained and preserved electronically needed to be done.

Agenda Items

Item #1. High-3 Retirement — Obligated Service Requirement – CWO4 Ken Rickard submitted this item which suggests that CWO's who are under the High-3 retirement plan should have to serve an additional 2 years when promoted. After discussion, no motion to take any action on this issue was made.

Item #2. Post Graduate Course for CWOs — CWO Mark More suggested this item and recommends that the Coast Guard offer the same opportunity for a Post Grad Course of study to the Chief Warrant Officer Corps as is now being offered to other officers and enlisted personnel. LCDR Charlotte Broga stated that the Training and Education Manual doesn't exclude CWOs from applying for post graduate opportunities. CWO Wayne Zuehls agreed but stated that most commands won't consider a

CWO because they aren't specifically named in the message. The President deferred further discussion on this item until after the scheduled presentation by the CWO Specialty Force Manager on Friday morning.

Item #3. Annual Meetings — The Sun Coast Chapter submitted this item and recommends that the Annual Meeting be held in Washington, D.C., except for every five years (on the anniversary year cycle.) There was a lively discussion of the expense, value to association and goodwill between DC and field. No motion concerning the item was made.

Item #4. CWOA Scholarship Program — CWO4 Bob Lewis submitted this item. LT Art Colona left a substantial donation to the CWO John A. Keller-CWOA Scholarship fund upon his passing. Art expressed a desire that that

donation be used to provide scholarships for the dependents of enlisted personnel, using only the principal. The donation was made to the existing CWOA Scholarship program for legal reasons. There was not sufficient time between Art's passing and the 2008 Annual Meeting to prepare a proposed structure for the new scholarship program. Therefore, CWO Bob Lewis moved that the value of the bequest to the CWO John A. Keller-CWOA Scholarship Grant provided by LT Arthur Colona be excluded in the computation of funds available under Section II.2. of the Standing Rules and Regulations of the CWO John A. Keller-CWOA Scholarship Grant for 2008 and 2009, which motion carried.

Chapter Reports

Rocky Coast: This is the 20th anniversary of the Rocky Coast Chapter. The Chapter is holding a lobster raffle on Coast Guard Day. The Chapter membership has grown by 33%. The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Boston: The Chapter organizes 3 on 3 basketball tournaments. They also hold meet and greets for new warrants. The Chapter donated \$200.00 to the Scholarship Fund and \$200.00 for the Building Fund.

Southern New England: Experiencing membership participation problems. The Chapter sent a letter to 100 warrants and 12 members showed up to a Chapter meeting. The members voted not to dissolve the Chapter. The Chapter donated



The hotel's Lighthouse Room B provided the site for two and a half days of meetings.

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\$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Long Island Sound: A verbal report was given.

Cape Island: Chapter membership has increased. The Chapter donated \$150.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Philadelphia: A verbal report was given.

Baltimore: The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund and \$50.00 to the Building Fund.

Washington DC: A verbal report was given.

Steven Shields-Alexandria: A verbal report was given.

Yorktown: A verbal report was given.

Norfolk: The Chapter donated \$200.00 to the Scholarship Fund in memory of CWO John Crowe. They also donated \$100.00 to the Building Fund.

Space Coast: The Chapter donated \$50.00 to the Building Fund.

Miami: A verbal report was given.

Suncoast: The Chapter will host next year's annual meeting in Tampa. The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund. A written report was presented.

New Orleans: The Chapter donated \$150.00 to the Building Fund.

St. Louis: The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship

Fund.

Little Club on the Prairie: The Chapter donated \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund and \$50.00 to the Building Fund.

Silver State: The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Southern California: The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Golden Gate: A verbal report was given.

Pacific Northwest: The Chapter donated \$1000.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Juneau: The Chapter donated \$200.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Mid-Pacific: The Chapter donated \$75.00 to the Scholarship Fund and \$75.00 to the Building Fund.

Emerald Isle: A verbal report was given.

Presentations

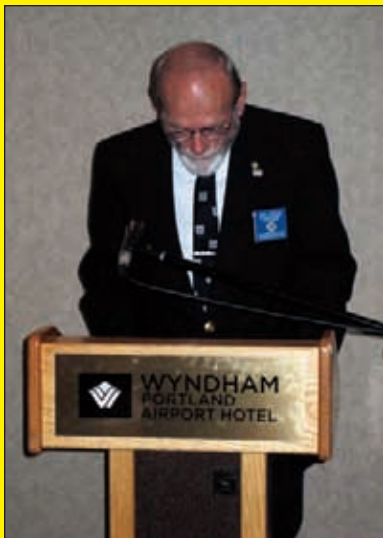
CWO Mike Maher and CWO Dave Schuster gave presentations on the CWO Survey and CWO Specialty Force Managers.

Agenda Item on PG Education: The agenda item was discussed. Several members commented that the CWOA needs to

Installation Banquet

The Wyndham Hotel's Sebago Room served as the site for the 2008 Banquet and Installation of Officers. Sector Northern

New England provided a four-man Color Guard to open the event and the Association was honored to host the four Coast Guardsmen for dinner. DM Dave Daniels provided the Invocation and President J.T. Green welcomed everyone. Guests included CAPT and



(Above) Distinguished Member and Past President Dave Daniels of Suncoast Chapter gives the Invocation.

(Right) Distinguished Member Mattie Matteson of Norfolk Chapter reads the CWOA Preamble.



(Above) PO2 Sean Killian, PO3 Lawrence Costa, SN Brad Wekert, and SA Charles Sanders from Sector Northern New England served as the Color Guard at the Banquet.

Mrs. James Rendon. CAPT Rendon is the commander of Sector Northern New England. The Sector also provided a color guard squad to open the Annual Mtg.

(Right) The POW/MIA Table was explained by President Green.



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advertise that some PG education is available to CWOs even if the solicitation is for officers more senior. After much discussion there was no motion made. However, it was the consensus of the body that the Association should support the Specialty Force Managers in their efforts to move this issue forward. No motion to adopt this agenda item was made.

Good of the Order: CWO Tom Hart, CWO Bill Mattoon and the Rocky Coast, Boston, and Southern New England Chapters volunteered to work on the Bylaws Committee.

The President advised those present of the procedure for filling the vacancy in the office of President when Mike Maher resigns because of his retirement from the Coast Guard.

The President thanked Executive Director, Ed Swift for his outstanding efforts in getting over one thousand six hundred 25-year certificates mailed this year.

LCDR Charlotte Broga thanked the Rocky Coast Chapter for hosting this year's annual meeting.

CWO Jerry Fitchett read a letter from the Chief, CWOPD, which was being mailed to the CWOA office.

The President thanked CWO Joanne Stevens for filling in for him when he was TAD.

Mike Maher advised that the Board of Directors would implement procedures to ensure that it would be clear that when Bob Lewis was hired to work for the association he would not be performing the duties of the elected Secretary.

CWO Mike Maher asked for volunteers for the Permanent Finance Committee, Scholarship Committee, Barge Relocation Committee, and the Barge Renovation Committee. Baltimore and Philadelphia volunteered for the scholarship committee.

CWO Mike Maher announced that he will form a committee to determine what to do with the LT Art Colona, DM donation. Baltimore asked to serve on the committee since LT Art Colona was a member of their chapter.

CWO Bill Reetz welcomed everyone to attend next year's annual meeting in Tampa. He also suggested the Association send a letter to CWO Dana Lewis commending him for his

Guest Speaker

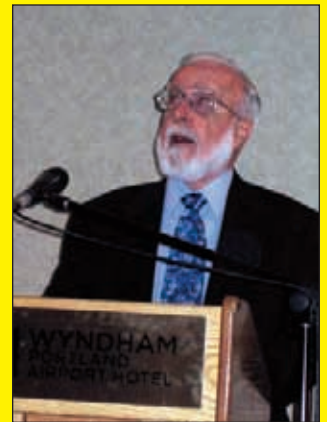
Dennis L. Noble entered active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1957 and retired in 1978 as a Senior Chief Marine Science Technician. His shore duty included a Lifeboat Station, an Air Station, the Oceanographic Unit, a district office, and Headquarters. Sea duty took him six times to the Arctic, twice to the Antarctic, International Ice Patrol, and many other locations between these extremes. He served on the icebreakers Northwind, Westwind, and Edisto. During oceanographic field work he also served in, Evergreen, Barataria, Storis, Staten Island, and Glacier.

On his off-duty time, Dr. Noble earned Bachelor and Master's degrees. After retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard, he earned a Ph.D., in U.S. history from Purdue University.

Dr. Noble has written twelve books and over thirty articles. Nine of his books deal with the U.S. Coast Guard. Other subjects include the U.S. military in China and the Vietnam War.



(Above) President Green thanks Dr. Noble and presents him a CWOA polo shirt and coin.



(Above) Dr. Noble addresses the gathering.

In March 2003, Dr. Noble received the U.S. Coast Guard Distinguished Public Service Award. Eight months later, he received the Fellow of Maritime History, from the Columbia River Maritime Museum, in Astoria, Oregon, only one of five people to ever receive this award.

Dennis L. Noble now writes full-time and lives in Sequim, Washington, with his wife, Loren, and a strange dog and an even stranger cat.

book on Enlisted Ratings and CWO Specialty Devices.

CWO Bob Lewis announced that members can get retirement certificates for retiring CWOs by contacting the Association office. Certificates of Appreciation will be issued at the request of Chapter Presidents Certificates of Achievement are also available. The Association President can issue Certificates of Achievement upon request. Chapter Presidents may award Certificates of Achievement if 5 or more members are present and a majority approve.

CWO Zuehls thanked the officers for outstanding job. He urged the chapters to use the CWO News as a recruiting tool.

Bob Dudley stated that the Rocky Coast Chapter volunteered for the Bylaws Committee to make sure we get it done right.

Joe Howard volunteered to work on bylaws.

Mike Maher stated that he needed help for the Scholarship,

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Permanent Finance and the Barge committees. He is OK with the Bylaws Committee.

Charlotte Broga volunteered for the Relocation Committee.

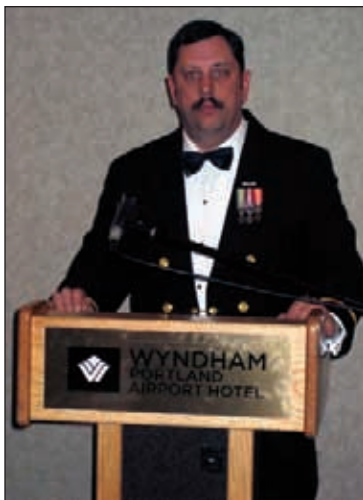
Michael Hayden volunteered the Baltimore Chapter for the Scholarship Committee. The Baltimore Chapter is interested in being involved with the Colona Scholarship Committee.

Mike Maher asked that chapters identify the various charities and the amount they donated during the past 12 months and other activities the chapter is involved in. The Association will use the information to show senior Coast Guard leadership the areas the CWOs participate in.

Bill Mattoon suggested active duty CWOs apply for service on selection boards.

The meeting reconvened for No-Host Cocktails and the Annual Installation Dinner. Following dinner the Guest Speaker, Dr. Dennis L. Noble, MSTCS, USCG (Ret) enlightened the group about a daring rescue by a Coast Guard 36 footer crew. This was followed by the installation of the new Officers (CWO Mike Maher as President, CWO Randy Cornell as Vice-President for Retired Affairs and CWO Bob Lewis as Secretary). The installation was followed by remarks by the new Association President.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2115, 19 April 2008.



President Green



Secretary George Paidousis and his wife, Rosanna.



Making a toast to POWs and MIAs.

Executive Committee Meeting

[The Executive Committee consists of a representative from each Chapter and all Association officers. Additionally, Distinguished Members present at the annual meeting are permitted to vote on all matters appearing before the Executive Committee.]

The President called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 1410, April 17, 2008.

Members Present: The President, Vice President (Retired Affairs), Secretary and Treasurer were present. All Chapters were represented and Distinguished Members CWO4 (PERS) Bob Lewis, Ret, Secretary-Elect and CWO4 (PERS) Randy Cornell, VP Retired-Elect were present. Six other Association members were in the audience.

Bylaws Change Proposal: The President announced that he had received a proposal from 11 Association members to change Article II, Section 2., b., by adding a subparagraph as follows:

“Upon immediate completion of the ‘SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF DUTY’ by the Association President, that person will automatically be submitted to the Special Committee to be considered for nomination as a Distinguished Member.”

After receiving the opinion of the Board of Directors on the proposal and discussion on the merits of the proposal, a motion to not

submit this proposal to the Association membership for a vote. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 26 Aye and 3 Nay votes.

Budget for 2008-2009: The Executive Committee discussed the budget proposed by the Permanent Finance Committee for fiscal year 2008-2009 and the Committee Chair answered questions on various line items.

CWO Bill Mattoon suggested that the Association consider reducing printing by sending bylaws, etc via CD.

CWO Randy Cornell discussed the impact on retired officers having to give up vacation time or take leave without pay to serve as an Association



President Green presents new Distinguished Member Wayne Zuehl his DM Certificate.

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officer and then receive \$100 in return. A lively discussion on salaries for elected officers followed.

CWO Ric Waechter moved to amend Budget Line Item 14D to read \$500 each for the President, Vice President, Vice President (Retired Affairs), Vice President (Reserve Affairs), Secretary and Treasurer for a total of \$3,000. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 18 Aye, 7 Nay and 5 abstentions.

CWO James Winters moved to approve the proposed budget, as amended. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 27 Aye and 3 Nay votes.



New Distinguished Member Wayne Zuehls with long-time Association member DM Mattie Matteson.

After a roll call vote the motion carried with 30 Aye and 0 nay votes.

CWO Joe Howard moved to pay the existing Association Board of Directors \$500.00 each for the period April 2007 to April 2008. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 17 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 6 Abstentions.

Bylaws Change Proposal: The President announced that he had received a proposal from 10 members to change the Association Bylaws by changing Article II, Section 1., to read as follows:

“Subject to the provisions hereof, any warrant officer or former warrant officer who holds warrant or commissioned status in the Coast Guard (active duty, reserve or retired), is eligible for membership in the Association.”



CAPT and Mrs. James E. Rendon chat with DM Charlotte Broga after the banquet.

Authorization for Expenditures in Excess of \$5,000:

CWO Bob Lewis moved to expend not more than \$28,400.00 for the 2009 annual meeting. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 30 Aye and 0 nay votes.

CWO Bob Lewis moved not to spend more than \$8,000.00 for the elec-

tronic preservation of Association records. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 30 Aye and 0 nay votes.



Outgoing officers J.T. Green (president), George Paidousis (secretary), and DM Bill Reetz (VP for Retired Affairs) with their officer plaques.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 1342, 19 April 2008.



DM Wayne Zuehls, Executive Director Ed Swift, Treasurer Mitzie Robinson, and Immediate Past President J. T. Green.



New Members

Welcome aboard wishes to the following new CWOA members:



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CWO2 (OSS) David E. Fuller, USCG	MSST New Orleans	CWO2 Greg Isbell
CWO2 (PERS) Matthew J. Yori, USCG	Sector Miami	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Martin J. McKenna, USCG	110 MAT Key West	CWO2 Israel R. Nieves
CWO2 (F&S) Benny Rodriguez, USCG	USCGC Forward	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (PERS) Michael D. Watson, USCG	Air Station Borinquen	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (MSSE) Alfred P. Orth, USCG	USCGC Maple	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ISM) Vincente Cervantes, USCG	ESU Alameda	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (MSSE) Jeff W. Penninger, USCG	Sector Mobile	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Jay T. Chason, USCG	USCGC Vigilant	LT Joseph T. Sharland
CWO2 (ENG) Kenny L. Yarbrough, USCG	Sector Corpus Christi	CWO3 Shane D. Gallagher
CWO2 (MSS) Reed A. Breitenstein, USCG	MSU Port Arthur, TX	The Association
CWO2 (WEPS) Preston L. Schanbeck, USCG	SFO Valdez	The Association
CWO2 (ENG) Thomas H. Burkee, USCG	ELC Baltimore	CWO2 Matthew Sheets
CWO2 (F&S) Rolando E. Vega, USCG	USCGC Thetis	CWO3 Sharon L. Patterson
CWO2 (ENG) John T. Brummett, USCG	MLC PAC	The Association
CWO2 (BOSN) Brian A. Leavy, USCG	D14 Auxiliary OTO	CWO4 Kenneth Vanek
CWO2 (MAT) Kevin M. Merideth, USCG	ISC San Pedro	CWO2 Christopher C. MacNeith
CWO2 (ELC) Donald L. Gilmer, USCG	USCGC Mellon	CWO3 Adrian F. Pope
CWO2 (MSS) Timothy J. Hahn, USCG	Sector San Juan	The Association
CWO2 (MSS) Lindell R. Gentry, USCG	MSU Galveston	The Association
CWO2 (ISM) Stephen A. Chipman, USCG	CAMSPAC	CWO4 Wayne Zuehls
CWO2 (INV) Larry J. Johnson, USCG	CGIS 506 Key West	The Association
CWO2 (INV) Stephen E. Heath, USCG	CGIS DET Washington	The Association
CWO2 (WEPS) Kevin D. Lapierre, USCG	NESU Boston	CWO3 Richard T. Curtis
CWO4 (COMMS) John F. Eaton, USCG (Ret.)		CWO4 John W. Kimmel (Ret.)
CWO2 (BOSN) Jeffrey A. Rahn, USCG	USCG Yard	CWO2 Michael S. Hayden
CWO4 (F&S) Murray S. Plenn, USCG (Ret.)		The Association
CWO2 (ENG) Shane M. Blackwood, USCG	MLC PAC	The Association
CWO2 (ELC) Scott B. Magie, USCG	LORSTA Shoal Cove	CWO3 John J. Meenan, III
CWO2 (PERS) Frank W. Jennings, USCG	HSC	The Association
CWO2 (OSS) Marc C. Thearle, , USCG	MSST Honolulu	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Chad W Witbracht, , USCG	MLC PAC	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ELC) David R Marrs, , USCG	MLC PAC	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (OSS) Terry W. Reese, , USCG	MSST Boston	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (F&S) Timothy A. Wallace, , USCGR	ELC Baltimore	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (PERS) Geraldine P. Hayes, , USCGR	ISC Cleveland	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (PERS) Virginia L. Kostowskie, , USCGR	Sector San Diego	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (BOSN) Thomas G. Foley, , USCGR	Sector Ohio Valley	CWO4 Todd C. Talasky
CWO2 (INV) Clifton R. Yopp, , USCG	CGIS New London	CWO2 Joseph V. Morrow
CWO2 (ENG) Victor A. Herschaft, , USCG	USCGC Gallatin	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (INF) Harry C. Craft, , USCG	USCG Academy	The Association
CWO4 (ELC) Michael A. Marion, , USCG	ESU Kodiak	CWO4 Mark Moore
CWO2 (BOSN) Chandler W. Tyre, , USCG	Regional West Dive	The Association

Membership News

Congratulations to CWO4 Elliot J. Echols and LT Harold Rapp, Jr. who became 50-Year CWOA Members on 1 July 2008.

Congratulations to CWO4 Cesar D. Bayton, CWO4 John J. Cherny III, CWO4 Stephen B. Hughes III, CWO2 James E. Mendosa, and CWO4 James R. Parry who became 25-Year CWOA Members on 1 July 2008.

Congratulations to new Life Members CWO4 Jay T. Menze, CWO2 James T. Green, and CWO2 Peter M. Buel (Ret.).

Crossed the Bar

CDR Christian A. Weitzel, USCG (Retired) died on 14 May 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Yueh Chin Weitzel of 1 Morning Beach Drive, Bellingham, WA 98229. CDR Weitzel was born on 10 May 1921 and retired on 1 August 1969. He was a member of the Association 45 years.

CWO4 (ENG) Robert A. McCarten, USCG (Retired) died on 16 May 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Patricia R. McCarten of 1317 Wendell Lane, Grovetown, GA 30813. CWO4 McCarten was born on 27 September 1919 and retired on 1 July 1971. He was a member of the Association 47 years.

CWO4 (ENG) Thomas I. Stewart, USCG (Retired) died on 2 June 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maureen Stewart of 402 Adriatic Avenue, North Cape May, NJ 08204. CWO4 Stewart was born on 22 August 1938 and retired on 1 November 1982. He was a member of the Association 34 years.

CWO4 (CHSPCK) John E. Giles, USCG (Retired) died on 2 June 2008. He is survived by his daughters, Ms. Susan E. Towery of 1400 Fernlee Street, Emmett, ID 83617 and Ms. Naomi J. Smith of 300 Kenyon Street, NW, Apt. S5, Olympia, WA 98502. CWO4 Giles was born on 24 August 1921 and retired on 1 October 1962. He was a member of the Association 57 years.

CWO3 (F&S) George T. Miller, USCG (Retired) died on 21 June 2008. He is survived by his ex-wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Miller of 19 Liddle Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, daughters Yvonne Radovanic and Colleen Muccia, son Timothy Miller, and six grandchildren, all from New Jersey. CWO3 Miller was born on 6 October 1941 and retired on 1 April 1981. He was a member of the Association 30 years.

CWO2 (BOSN) Billy R. Hairgrove, USCG (Retired) died on 25 June 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carolyn S. Hairgrove of 1560 County Road 2425, Mineola, TX 75773. CWO2 Hairgrove was born on 23 June 1940 and retired on 1 February 1981. He was a member of the Association 30 years.

LT Robert L. Hood, USCG (Retired) died on 27 June 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sara E. Hood, of 1105 W. Main Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909-4139. LT Hood was born on 22 April 1947 and retired on 1 May 1991. He was a member of the Association 25 years.

Donations

In addition to the many SF and BF donations made by chapters at the 2008 Annual Meeting, the following Scholarship Fund Donations were also made by: The Estate of LT Arthur Colona (Ret.); Charlotte Broga (in memory of LCDR Dwight C. Broga, III (Ret.)); Mattie Matteson (in memory of CWO3 John T. Crowe, LT Arthur Colona (Ret.), LCDR Dwight C. Broga, III (Ret.), and CWO3 John Rooks (Ret.)). Also, a substantial General Donation was made from the Estate of CWO4 Louis L. Bayers (Ret.), which has been placed into the Building Fund. Our sincerest thanks to all chapters and individuals who continue to support the Association through their generous contributions.

Happy 69th birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, an integral part of Team Coast Guard since June 23, 1939.



Upcoming Meeting
General Membership Meeting
Oct. 8, 2008 at 1000 at the
Association Office

CWOA and CPOA volunteers with residents at the Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) in Washington, D.C. On June 18th, the volunteers made a number of improvements during their annual "Great Pond Clean-Up" at the AFRH.

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