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CWO Reservist Earns Bronze Star

Commandant Presents Award at Special Ceremony

Coast Guard Reservist CWO4 Jack J. Brown was awarded the Bronze Star at a special ceremony at Coast Guard Headquarters Feb. 4th. Coast Guard Commandant, ADM Thad Allen, presented Brown with the award before a standing room only crowd of family, friends and shipmates.

Brown deployed to Iraq and served as Special Assistant to the Department of Homeland Security Attaché in Iraq in support of "Operation Iraqi Freedom" from March 27, 2007 to Sept. 14, 2007. During this six-month tour, Brown faced 60 rocket and mortar attacks involving over 200 explosive devices. After receiving wounds from a rock-



CWO4 Jack J. Brown and ADM Thad Allen at Brown's Bronze Star award ceremony.

et attack, Brown capitalized upon his civilian skills as a firefighter and reentered the embassy to rescue other injured embassy staff. At one point, he witnessed a trailer on fire and entered without regard to his own safety. He successfully escorted the occupants out of the smoke and fire-filled trailer, then secured the electrical power to pre-

vent further injuries to responders.

Brown also shielded the Iraqi Director of Customs with his own body during a rocket attack outside the embassy compound and led the general to a fortified bunker, which ultimately ensured the general's safety.

He was the "go to" person and was routinely called at the last minute to jump aboard an aircraft to attend Iraqi/Coalition meetings that successfully planned the transfer of missions to the Iraqis in Basrah, Umm Qasar and the Iraq oil platforms.

CWO4 Brown's work helped improve the overall security conditions in Iraq. At the end of his most recent mobilization, he had served over 15 months in a combat zone since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and over 43 months of active duty time.

Brown is currently in the United States and working as Deputy Director for the Arlington County, Va. Office of Emergency Management. He served in the Army Reserve

from 1971-77 before joining the Coast Guard Reserve Feb. 5, 1982.

CAPT Charles Diaz, Acting Director of Coast Guard International Affairs, was the ceremony's master of ceremonies. Coast Guard Pipe Band members BMCS Steve Cochran and LCDR Jeff Burton added a special flare to the ceremony's conclusion with a special bag pipe rendition of "Semper Paratus." **Story and Photos courtesy of**

Reservist Magazine



CWO4 Brown's Bronze Star certificate. His Bronze Star marks only the second time the Coast Guard has issued the award since the start of the Global War on Terror.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Greetings All,

Things are finally getting back to normal here at the office following the 2008 Annual Meeting in South Portland, ME last month. Since we've had a change of officers, both the past and current president asked if I would use what is normally reserved for "The President" to provide pertinent information to the membership, so here goes...

Firstly, congratulations to our newly elected officers; CWO Michael V. Maher is our President; CWO Randy J. Cornell, Ret., is our VP of Retired Affairs; and CWO Robert L. Lewis, Ret., is our Secretary. All three are Past CWOA Presidents and Bob and Randy are Distinguished Members, so these men bring a ton of experience to the table. Congrats gents!

If you recall when ballots were mailed out for this last election, they were separate from the *CWO News*. This was to abide by our Bylaws and the magazine print schedule that was set up. To avoid having to do a separate ballot mailing in the future, the BOD has changed the magazine's print schedule to the following:

"Change the current language in the Operating Manual and schedule the mailing of the CWOA Newsletter at the end of February, April, June, August, October, and December each year, beginning with the end of June, 2008." In other words, this issue (May-June), will be followed by a separate July issue to recap the Annual Meeting, then there will be issues for Aug-Sept, Oct-Nov., Dec-Jan., etc. Ballots for the next election will be included in the Dec.-Jan. issue.

We continue to have mail returned due to bad or old addresses. Please contact the Association office when you change addresses. This can be done easily via phone, fax or email, as well as in a letter.

Also, due to Privacy Act restrictions, we no longer receive Retiree Death Reports with next of kin or address information so, when a CWOA member crosses the bar, we must rely on the information on file to provide the condolence letter and death gratuity payment (if applicable). If you're not sure when you last updated your Designation of Beneficiary form, it may be out of date. Again, simply contact the Association office to check and update as necessary. Thanks!

Congratulations to our 2008 CWO John A. Keller -- CWOA Scholarship Grant recipients and for the terrific work done by this year's joint-chapter Scholarship Committee. Names and photos of the 2008 Scholarship Grant recipients are included in this issue on page 11. Congrats to all!



The 2008 Scholarship Committee members (left to right) CWO Kirk Edwards (Long Island Sound), CWO Al Beal, Ret. (Southern New England), CWO Bob Dudley, Ret. (Rocky Coast), CWO George Becurra (Southern New England), CWO Jim Winters (Boston), and CWO Rick Barrett, Ret. (Rocky Coast).

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**Deadline for submissions to the next
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2008 Military Handbooks Now Available

Military Handbooks has announced the release of its latest 2008 FREE handbooks for military personnel. These handbooks, written specifically for military service members, include a variety of information about pay, benefits, education and transitioning from the military. To receive your own copies of these handbooks, simply go to our Web site - www.militaryhandbooks.com.

2008 Military Handbooks now available include: 2008 Base Installation Directory (New); 2008 U.S. Military Retired Handbook; 2008 Getting Uncle Sam to Pay for Your College Degree; 2008 Benefits for Veterans and Dependents Handbook; 2008 Military Children's Scholarship Handbook; and 2008 U.S. Military Handbook.

CGC Campbell Reunion

The 23rd Annual Reunion of the USCGC Campbell (W-32 and W-909) Association will be held Sept. 8-12, 2008 at the Stonecastle Hotel in Branson, MO. Contact: **Gordon Bell** at 723 Spring Lane in Lansdale, PA 19446. Ph: (215) 393-6195. Email: CaptBell@comcast.net. For reunion details and to make reservations, go to website: www.campbellw32w909.org.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

Congratulations to CWO4 Lionel Bryant, USCG, who has been selected by USA Freedom Corps as one of seven military service members from throughout the active-duty and Reserve components to be presented the President's Volunteer Service Award.

CWO4 Bryant was selected from a list of very deserving Coast Guard members who participate in a multitude of volunteer services around the country. CWO4 Bryant volunteers his time to coach At-Risk Youth and providing care and comfort to terminally ill patients and their families. CWO4 Bryant is currently assigned to COMDT

(CG-9221) as chief of the Imagery Division in the Office of Public Affairs.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the award to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

More information can be found at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov.

CWO4 Bryant personifies the spirit of service that has distinguished the U.S. Coast Guard throughout its illustrious history and his selection for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award further solidifies the Coast Guard's unwavering commitment to the American public. Congratulations Lionel!

Reserve Junior Officer of the Year

Port Security Unit 305's CWO3 Harold "Monty" Willaford is the 25th recipient of the Coast Guard Reserve Outstanding Junior Officer Award for Fiscal Year 2007.

This national award, first presented in 1983 and sponsored by the Reserve Officers Association, is based on notable contributions to the Coast Guard for the previous

fiscal year, demonstrated leadership ability, exemplary performance of Coast Guard duties, and significant civic accomplishments.

Willaford serves as the Shoreside Security Division Chief for PSU-305, a position normally held by a more senior officer. His leadership of the Security Division was instrumental in his unit achieving a score of 97.2 percent at their most recent Tailored Unit Training Activity — Final Exercise Problem (TUTA-FEP).

Willaford completed the Unified Command course at Texas A&M University, is qualified to serve in any position in the National Incident Management



CWO3 Harold "Monty" Willaford, left, is presented with the CGR Outstanding Junior Officer plaque at the Coast Guard Congressional Reception held during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 11. Also shown are Willaford's wife, Susan, and ADM Thad Allen, USCG Commandant. Photo by Mr. Eric Minton, ROA

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System Incident Command Structure (NIMS-ICS), and is a member of two subcommittees of the Hampton Roads Area Maritime Security Committee. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, the FBI Academy and earned a master's degree at American Military University in Manassas, Va.

His civic accomplishments as a volunteer firefighter and sector captain of a "Clean the Bay" work crew have earned him the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

The award was presented to him during the ROA Mid-Winter Conference at the Coast Guard reception Feb. 11th in Washington, D.C. Award criteria were listed in ALCOAST 520/07 while ALCOAST 036/08 announced the winner and nominees.

Willaford credited PSU-305's Shoreside Security Division as instrumental in receiving this award.

"Filling sandbags, constructing defensive fighting positions, and manning entry control points in full battle regalia on a 100-degree day is exhausting work, but everyone knows their job and is committed to executing the mission," said the Virginia native who was born in Richmond.

Willaford enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve in 1985. He served at Reserve Units Milford Haven, Portsmouth-Detachment Yorktown, and York River, as well as PSU-305. He deployed with PSU-305 to Panama in 1997 and Egypt in 1999. Prior to 9/11, he served as an instructor at Training Center Yorktown. In June 2001, he pinned on the shoulder boards of chief warrant officer.

As a civilian, he works at the Virginia Port Authority in Norfolk as Port Police Captain of Special Operations, ensuring compliance with MTSA regulations, managing the physical security and radiation detection programs, as well as the CBRNE detection and response program. Prior to that, he worked for the County of York County, Va. for 24 years as a firefighter (fire lieutenant, fire captain, battalion chief) and deputy sheriff/investigator (lieutenant and deputy sheriff – captain). In

Bowling Tournament Fundraiser

On April 11th, several Miami area commands granted early liberty in support of Greater Miami Chapter's first bowling tournament. Past Chapter President CWO Scott Dennis, an avid bowler, made all the arrangements with the bowling alley, bought trophies and set up door prizes.



Tournament contestants register April 11th at the SparZ bowling alley in Davie, FL

One third of our chapter's membership attended with more than 60 bowlers participating. A total

of \$380 was raised which will go towards gift cards for our junior enlisted that could use a little something extra for the holidays.

USCGC Hudson, commanded by chapter member Mike Moretti, made this their crew's morale event, and it paid off as one of their teams won the event. It was a good time resulting in money raised and we hope to do it again this Fall.

Thanks to all who helped make this event possible!

Dion Couch



Some of the bowling tournament trophies.



(Left to right) CWO Scott Dennis, BM2 Rich Standridge, BM2 Dave Smith, DC2 Heath Hefley, CWO Ken Rickard, EM2 Yoshua Eli, and Greater Miami Chapter President CWO Dion Couch.

his spare time, he routinely spends time on the Outer Banks of North Carolina with his wife, Susan.

Storis Museum

We are currently in the process of obtaining the former *USCGC Storis* for a museum in Juneau, AK. The cutter will serve as a museum for all Alaska's maritime history as well as Coast Guard and Revenue Cutter Service. We are currently seeking historical information and artifacts that would be pertinent to the planned exhibits. For more information, please contact: www.storismuseum.org or **Jim Loback** at (714) 968-8964.

New Orleans Chapter BBQ

Distinguished Member CWO George M. Bruner (Ret.) was honored on April 5th for his 50 years of loyal service to the CWOA. Presenting his certificate on behalf of the Association was CWO James C. Pulse, (Ret.), President of the New Orleans Chapter. It should be noted that George joined the Association three months after James was born in December 1957.

George has been active in the Association from his first day and has continued his support throughout his life. He originally joined the Association via the New Orleans Chapter but he has also participated in the Boston and Mid-Pacific Chapters. Returning to the New Orleans area, George is currently serving as the Chapter's VP of Retired Affairs.

Also on April 5th, the chapter held its spring BBQ and membership drive. The event was hosted by Chapter President James Pulse and his wife, Laverne. All members in good standing were invited to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a member. It was also a time to discuss issues for the upcoming CWOA Annual Meeting in Portland, ME.

The weather started off wet and cold in the morning, but the group continued to move forward. It soon began to warm up after a few members arrived and the day turned out to be great for a gathering.



New Orleans Chapter President James Pulse presents a CWOA 50-Year Membership Certificate to DM George M. Bruner at the Chapter's Annual BBQ and Membership Drive.

Not only was the food plentiful and tasty, everyone enjoyed the company, swapping sea stories, telling jokes, remembering the good old days, making some new memories and discussing concerns of the CWOA.

Those attending included: CWOs George Bruner, Peter J. Anderson and wife Edwina, Kerney C. Patrick, Jr. and wife Glenys, Richard W. Collins and wife Wendy, Jack W. Beith and wife Diane, Michael G. Spencer and wife Karen, and James Pulse and wife Laverne. We were honored by Ray Terrell, (an Air Force Vietnam Veteran) and his wife Phyllis who brought fresh boiled crawfish.

James Pulse

Employment Opportunity #1

There is an immediate opening at the District Office in New Orleans for a retired/retiring CG Comms or ET/ELC (E7-W4). The current Spectrum Management & Communications Planning contract is due for re-compete. As part of that re-compete, additional positions will be solicited for each Coast Guard District office.

These positions will directly support the District DT and ESU/ESD's in their areas of responsibility. Once hired, they would receive formal and OJT in the Spectrum Management field.

Interested candidates should have a strong Radio/Telecommunications and/or Electronics background and good writing/speaking and training skills.

Salary is negotiable and relocation costs may also be included in the offer.

This contract started in late 2002. I'm a retired CWO



Lots of camaraderie at the New Orleans Chapter BBQ on April 5th.

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(Comms) and have been working for my company since March 2003. It's been very good for me - and it could be good for you as well.

Please contact me at (510) 637-5455 for more information if you're interested. You can also look at our Company Benefits Information on the Odyssey Systems Consulting Group website: www.odysseyconsult.com.

CWO2 Matt Skahill, (Ret.)

Employment Opportunity #2

Engineering Technician, Lead – USCG avionics experience required; responsible for planning, organizing, managing, coordinator and tracking, system engineering management, component procurement management and data management. Position requires experience indirect maintenance or support of the Sikorsky HH-60 family of aircraft. Job location is USCG Station, ARSC, Elizabeth City, NC. Send resume to jobs@dlsengineering.com. Reference CWO/SC.

Iwo Jima Veterans Reunion

Anyone who has ever served, worked, or entertained on Iwo Jima (USCG, USAF, USO, civilian contractors, etc.) is invited to attend an Iwo Jima Veterans Reunion Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, 2008, at the Indianapolis Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Indianapolis, IN. For reservations, call (317) 299-8400 and specify “poolside room for Iwo Jima Vets”. Contact: **Don Janicki** at (740) 674.6658, or email: donaldjanicki@yahoo.com.

CWOPD Class 06-08

CWOPD Class 06-08 arrived at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, on May 5, 2008. Among them was an eclectic mixture of MSSs (both E and D), a couple of ENGs, a handful of OSSs, F&Ss PERSs and ISMs; one ICM, one AVI, one INV, one ELC and the last official COMMs in the Coast Guard. Having successfully completed either the Chief Petty Officer's Academy or the Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, the 23 students of 06-08 started the two-week course on a beautiful sunny day. Unfortunately, the weather turned cold, much to the chagrin of many of the Gulf Coast shipmates.

This experienced group hit it off right away. Boasting an impressive 416 years of military experience, coupled with 131 years of sea service, the group formed quickly to conquer the low ropes, tackled the infamous “ladder of death” and performed exceptionally well on all brain-teasers the instructors, ELC4 Guy Cashman and OSS3 Jerry Fitchett, could throw at them.

Along with having the last COMMs in the Coast Guard in attendance, 06-08 had a few firsts as well. They were the first to have a cookout behind Munro Hall in quite a while, which nearly caused the first expulsion of an entire CWOPD class. 06-08 was the first to use the forbidden charcoal grill without an “open-flame chit” and we were the first to laugh about it. School Chief LT Austin Adcock was the first to remind us that we were not supposed to use the charcoal grill. Fortunately, the OOD provided a fire



Members of CWOPD Class 06-08

extinguisher for the fire watch. This, along with the 15 inches of rain received earlier in the day, definitely saved the lives of 06-08 and that of the entire Academy population. CWOPD Class 06-08 is most heartedly commended and their actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard. The operational "extinguishing" device is authorized.

Class 06-08 consisted of INV2 General Bender, ENG2 John Brummett, MSSD2 Jay Callihan, ISM2 Vicente Cervantes, ENG2 Jay Chason, F&S2 Michael Duchossois, OSS2 David Fuller, ISM2 Charles Hubbard, MSSE2 Jeffrey Libbert (Class President), ENG2 Martin Mckenna, MSSE2 Roger Mulford, F&S2 Jeffrey Niblett, MSSD2 Israel Nieves, MSSE2 Alfred Orth, AVI2 Mark Osentowski, OSS2 Servando Pacheco, ELC2 Ramon Pagan, MSSE2 Jeffrey Penninger, F&S2 Benny Rodriquez, COMM2 Stephen Walker, PERS2 Michael Watson, ENG2 Kenny Yarbrough and PERS2 Matthew Yori.

The recipient of the Foundation for Coast Guard History Honor Graduate Award was CWO Jeffery Penninger, the CWOA Distinguished Officer Award was received by ISM2 Vicente Cervantes, and the Physical Fitness Award sponsored by the CWOA Long Island Sound Chapter was awarded to MSSD2 Israel R. Nieves. Thanks to the CWOA for sponsoring these awards and congratulations to the recipients. Congratulations to our newest members. Welcome to the Wardroom!

MSSE2 Alfred Orth

Supporting CWOPD

Please accept my sincere gratitude to the CWOA. As the School Chief for the CWOPD School, I see first hand the Association's commitment and investment into our school and our newly commissioned warrant officer corps. This is especially true when it comes to the Distinguished Officer Award for each graduating class. Of the three awards we present at graduation, that one appears to be the most meaningful as it is voted on by the class members.

I'd also like to extend a special thank you to CWO Greg Hunton and CWO Joanne Stevens who have taken the time during the past year to visit our classes, provide information on the CWOA, and present the Distinguished Officer Award at our graduation ceremonies. Thank you again for the Association's strong support to our newly appointed CWOs and the success of our program.

LT Austin Adcock

(Editor's Note: The above was only a portion of LT Adcock's letter. He also recognized the ongoing support to CWOPD by Long Island Sound Chapter, CWOA, which presents a plaque and certificate to the student in each class who receives the Physical Fitness Award.)

Looking for Association Members

At the 2007 Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee approved the issuance of a congratulatory letter and certificate to all Association members who have been members for 25 years or more. Initially, more than 1,600 packages were created and mailed to recognize those members. That 'catch-up' portion of the project was completed last Fall. Unfortunately, several packages were returned to the due to bad addresses. If you know correct addresses for any of the below members, please contact the Association office. Thanks for your help!

Jack G. Albert, Jr.	Julius Alama
Eddie E. Arnold	Michael Arnold, Jr.
William S. Allen	Dennis L. Ballard
Earl W. Black	John C. Blackford
James T. Blackmon	Robert W. Brandenstein
Everett W. Bray, Jr.	Ray L. Buckner
Fidencio A. Carbonell	Michael D. Chetto
Charles V. Clune	Gilbert W. Coughlan
Brian C. Curtis	Gary P. Day
James C. Flowers	Terry O'Gallagher
Carl T. Goretski	Edward Hall, Jr.
George F. Hart	Emory H. Haynes
Robert L. Hood	Russell Hudson, Jr.
William H. Hudson	Norman R. Hundwin
Hubert C. Jackson	Robert W. Jackson
Alice T. Jefferson	Phillip T. Jenkins
James W. Johns	Vincent B. Kelly
William T. LeDuc	Frank H. Legate
Clark C. Logsden	James L. Mangold
John T. Manning	Eugene A. Mellott, Jr.
Walter D. Moulton	Robert E. Osterberg
Richard B. Petersen	Thomas E. Riley
Henry R. Roesing, Jr.	George A. Saunders
Richard R. Spencer	Clifton D. Stanley
Dennis P. St. John	Raymond Ulrich
Ross J. Vanduser	Christian A. Weitzel
Charles F. Whitehouse	Daniel D. Wiesman
Dale R. Wilkins	Robert R. Wilson
	Wallis N. Zimmerman

CWOA Easter Party

On March 24th, several Association members participated in the annual CWOA Childrens Easter Party and Egg Hunt at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

Congratulations to project coordinator CWO Miguel Bella and all the participants. RDML Daniel A. Neptun was a big hit with the kids, cutting the special Easter cake, but the real attention-getter was LT Sonia Kendall who has been the event Easter Bunny for the past three years running. And she's really good at it too... thanks Sonia!



According to CWO Bella, the event was a huge success and the parents and children were all very appreciative that the Coast Guard and CWOA had taken the time to recognize their families during Easter week when they don't have the time to take their kids to any local festivities.

(Left) Easter Bunny (LT Sonia Kendall) fills an easter basket.



RDML Neptun draws a crowd of hungry kids as he cuts the Easter cake.

Great job folks!



Participants in the 2008 CWOA Childrens Easter Party and Egg Hunt at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.



The Easter Cake.

Social Security Benefits Revisited

In the Jan-Feb 2008 issue of *CWO News*, there was an article regarding the advantages of waiting until you are age 66 or 70 to start receiving your Social Security money benefits. The article was one-sided and failed to consider how long you might live. The example in the article had the individual living into their mid-90's... good luck!

Consider these situations with both individuals being 62 and the Social Security amounts are \$800 and \$1000 (Just estimates since each individual has to contact the

Social Security Office to determine his/her amount).

A. Joe looks at his benefits and he can draw \$800/month beginning at age 62 (his current age).

B. John waits until he is age 70, then starts drawing \$1000/month.

With these examples, John would lose 96 months of benefits (age 62 to 70) at a rate of \$800/month for a total of \$76,800. At age 70 he starts drawing \$1000/month but he'll have to live a long time to make up the \$76,800 he lost. When I reached that magic age (62), I figured it out and I'd have to live to age 92 just to break even.

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Anyway, the article in the *CWO News* was correct, as far it goes, but it didn't give the other side of the story so everyone should "do the math" before making a decision regarding when to start drawing their Social Security money benefits.

CWO4 William Leistner, USCG (Ret.)

Emergency Information Suggestion

Having spent many hours training in hospital Emergency Rooms, I found that in nearly all cases people bringing in victims or patients lacked information on them. In that vein, please consider clipping out and filling in the cards to the right for you and your loved ones. They'll easily fit in a wallet or purse and can help provide needed information. **CWO4 William Leistner, USCG (Ret.)**

Personal Information

(As of: _____)

Name: _____
 DOB: _____
 SSN: _____
 Address: _____

Home Phone: _____
 Work Phone: _____
 Blood Type: _____
 Work Place: _____

Insurance Co.: _____
 Policy No.: _____
 NOK Name: _____
 Relationship: _____
 NOK Phone: _____
 Living Will: (Y) _____ (N) _____

Power of Attorney Name: _____

Phone: _____
 Primary Physician Name: _____

Phone: _____
 RX Meds (Name, Dosage, Treats): _____

OTC Meds (Name, Dosage, Treats): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Problems: _____

Other: _____

CWO Merrill W. Allison Turns 90

On April 26th, several members of USCG Sector Houston-Galveston paid a visit on CWO4 (ENG) Merrill W. Allison, USCG (Ret.). The occasion was a surprise 90th birthday party and Merrill was definitely surprised. The ceremony was held outside under a pavilion and was part of a family reunion. When the Coasties arrived, Merrill was cooking pancakes for his family. CDR Todd Gatlin, the Sector's chief of response, told Merrill that they had come to tell him he'd been recalled to active duty.

CDR Gatlin had contacted the CWOA about a week prior to the event, trying to obtain information regarding Merrill's USCG career.



CWO Todd Paquette (left) and CDR Todd Gatlin (right) of USCG Sector Houston/Galveston present a CWOA ballcap and coin to CWO Merrill W. Allison, USCG (Ret.) on the occasion of his 90th birthday.



CWO Todd Paquette and a boat crew from the Houston Boat House with CWO Merrill W. Allison.

The information was provided, along with a congratulatory letter from the CWOA president, a CWOA ballcap and a CWOA coin, which were all presented to Merrill by CDR Gatlin and CWO Todd Paquette. Merrill was also presented a MSO Port Arthur hat, which was the USCG unit he retired from.

CWO Allison joined the CWOA in April 1956 when he was stationed on the *USCGC Androscoggin (WPG-68)* as a W-1 (MACH). He retired in April 1966 and is a 52-year member of the CWOA. Congrats Merrill!

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CFO Awards For Excellence

Congratulations to CWO George A. Heath of CG Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA), Bahrain, for his selection as the recipient of the 2007 Chief Financial Officer (SFO) Award For Excellence in the Chief Warrant Officer category. The awards are given annually to recognize those personnel who have made outstanding contributions to the field of financial management and comptrollership while also creating a culture of internal controls and demonstrating stewardship in support of Coast Guard operations.

Upon arrival in PATFORSWA, CWO Heath recognized the strain the 5,000 hour per year operational schedule was placing on the crews of the six 110-foot WPBs he was tasked to support. Shifting as much responsibility for procurement, property oversight, and logistics to his team as was possible, he greatly reduced customer frustration, increased visibility and knowledge of supply processes, and shortened delivery times through the use of local sources of supply. Orchestrating a \$15-million annual budget of Iraqi Freedom funding, CWO Heath also provided support services to two major shoreside facilities in Bahrain, a forward operating base in Kuwait, and an isolated training center in Umm Qasr, Iraq. CWO Heath's

superb management of PATFORSWA's operating funds, oversight of \$4.7-million of military interdepartmental procurement requests, and reorganization of 5,300 line items of operating materials and supplies, identified \$1.8-million in unused funds that were returned to LANTAREA to address other emergent operational needs.

Saluting The Flag

Title 4, United States Code Section 9 (Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag) has been amended by the latest National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA FY2008) so that *all active duty and retired members of the armed forces may render the military salute while out of their respective service uniform*. All other persons should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over the heart, or, if applicable, remove any head-dress with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, with hand over the heart.

2008 Federal Benefits Handbook Available

You can now get a printed copy of the "2008 Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents Handbook" at: <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/actions/GetPublication.do?stocknumber=051-000-00233-4>. **CWO Robert F. Dudley, Ret.**

CWO Challenge Coins are becoming more popular. Three chapters now offer coins. Each has the USCG Officer Eagle and three CWO collar devices on one side. The other sides are show below.



Rocky Coast Chapter Challenge Coins

For more information, contact CWO Bob Dudley at rfdudley@gmail.com



CWO Steven Shields - Alexandria Chapter Coins

For more information, contact CWO Darryl Donovan at (703) 313-5719.



Juneau Chapter Challenge Coins

For more information, contact CWO Jay Menze at Jay.T.Menze@uscg.mil or 907-463-2409.

Scholarship News

2008 CWO John A. Keller -- CWOA Scholarship Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the nine recipients of the 2008 CWO John A. Keller -- CWOA Scholarship Grants who were selected from a pool of 42 eligible candidates. Also, kudos to CWO4 Alan C. Beal, Ret. of Southern New England Chapter who chaired the joint-chapter committee.

Also serving were: CWO4 Kirk Edwards (Long Island Sound), CWO3 Eric C. Barrett, Ret. (Rocky Coast), CWO3 Robert F. Dudley, Ret. (Rocky Coast), CWO3 James Winters (Boston), and CWO3 George Becerra (Southern New England).

The 2008 Scholarship Grant winners included:

-- **Meagan E. Bosket** of Albion, MI, who is the daughter of CWO3 Curtis S. Bosket, Ret.

-- **Tommy J. Bridges** of Palm Bay, FL, who is the son of CWO2 Martin A. Bridges of Sector Miami.

-- **Ryan Cortes** of Quaker Hill, CT, who is the son of CWO2 Jorge Cortes of the USCG Academy.

-- **Natalie E. King** of Honolulu, HI, who is the daughter of CWO3 Charles D. King, Jr., of District 14.

-- **William M. Mahoney** of Naples, FL, who is the son of CWO2 Matthew J. Mahoney, Ret.

-- **Theresa D. Mangahas** of Redmond, WA, who is the daughter of LT Armando E. Mangahas, Ret.

-- **Shelby G. Sapp** of Elizabeth City, NC, who is the daughter of CWO2 Glenn S. Sapp of USCG Support Center Elizabeth City, NC.

-- **Candice M. Schober** of Beaumont, TX, who is the daughter of CWO2 Michael J. Schober of USCG Sector New York.

Meghan A. Strange of Tallahassee, FL, who is the daughter of LT George S. Strange, Ret.



Shelby G. Sapp



Candice M. Schober



Natalie E. King



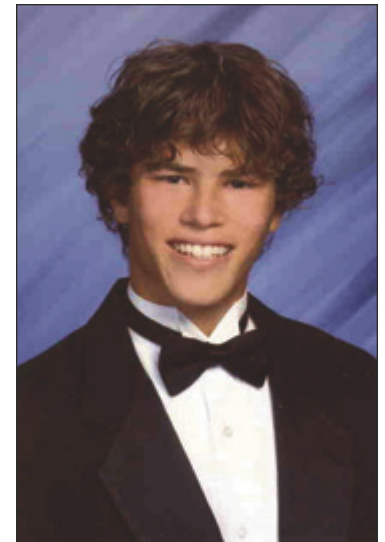
Ryan Cortes



Theresa D. Mangahas



William J. Mahoney



Tommy J. Bridges

CWOA Merchandise

LIGHTWEIGHT WINDBREAKER: Hartwell brand 100% polyester Navy Blue with embroidered CWOA Marketing Logo on left chest. Personalized embroidered name or message available on right chest at no extra cost if requested at time of order. \$46.00 for sizes S, M, L or XL plus \$6.50 shipping & handling. Add \$2.00 for size XXL.



Lightweight Windbreaker

MEDIUM WEIGHT LINED JACKET: Dunbrooke brand Navy Blue with embroidered CWOA Marketing Logo on left chest. Personalized embroidered name or message available on right chest at no extra cost if requested at time of order. \$48.00 for sizes S, M, L or XL plus \$6.50 shipping & handling. Add \$2.00 for size XXL.



Medium weight Jacket

HEAVYWEIGHT JACKET: Charles River brand 100% nylon shell and sleeves, 100% polyester lining Navy Blue with embroidered CWOA Marketing Logo on left chest. Personalized embroidered name or message available on right chest at no extra cost if requested at time of order. \$50.00 for sizes S, M, L or XL plus \$6.50 shipping & handling. Add \$2.00 for size XXL.



Heavyweight Jacket

POLO SHIRT: Inner Harbor and Jonathan Corey brands 100% combed cotton Navy Blue with embroidered CWOA Marketing Logo on left chest. \$25.00 for sizes S, M, L, and XL. Add \$2.00 for size XXL.

BASEBALL CAP: Medium-profile hat with CWOA Marketing Logo and "U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association" embroidered on front with stylized American Flag on bill. Available in White or Navy Blue. \$12.50.

SWORD PLAQUE: Solid walnut construction 10-1/2" wide by 13" high with 4" 2-color die-cast CW&WOA logo. Holds USCG Officers Sword and Scabbard. Includes 4" x 1-1/2" metal plate. Engraving not available. \$80.00.

CWO GIFT SET: USCG Officer Hat Devices, Tie Bar, Tie Tack, Belt Buckle and Cuff Links plus CWO2 Collar Devices for shirts and jacket/raincoat in handsome felt-lined case. \$50.00.

PATCH: Round 4" embroidered CW&WOA logo. \$5.00 each.

LAPEL PIN: Round 3/4" 4-color metal of CW&WOA logo. \$4.00

DECAL: Round 3" decal of CW&WOA logo. \$1.00 each.

BUMPER STICKER: 2" x 2-1/2" CWO4 2-color decal. \$.50 each.



Blue Ballcap



Polo Shirt



Sword Plaque



*(Left)
Design
used on
Bumper
Sticker*



*(Left)
White
Ballcap*



*(Right) Design
used on Lapel Pin,
Embroidered Patch
and Decal*



CWO Gift Set

CWOA Merchandise Order Form

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Embroidered Polo Shirt	_____	_____	_____	_____
Blue Ballcap	_____		_____	_____
White Ballcap	_____		_____	_____
Sword Plaque	_____		_____	_____
Embroidered Patch	_____		_____	_____
Lapel Pin	_____		_____	_____
Decal	_____		_____	_____
Bumper Sticker	_____		_____	_____

Total Cost of Ordered Items: _____

Shipping Costs: _____

TOTAL COST: _____

Shipping Costs

(Jacket shipping cost is separate)

<u>Cost of Items</u>	<u>Add</u>
Up to \$7.00	\$ 1.00
\$7.01 to \$15.00	\$ 2.50
\$15.01 to \$30.00	\$ 5.50
\$30.01 to \$50.00	\$ 6.50
\$50.01 to \$100.00	\$10.00
Over \$100.00	\$15.00

Ship to:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____
 Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Make out check or money order to "CWOA"

Mail to CWOA USCG at 200 V Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024

Windbreaker & Jacket Orders Only

Size:

- Lightweight Windbreaker
- Medium Weight Jacket
- Heavyweight Jacket

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-Large
- XX-Large

Personalized Jacket Embroidery (Please print legibly)



New Members

Welcome aboard wishes to the following new CWOA members:



<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
CWO2 (ENG) Bryan G. Wright, USCG	USCGC HARRIET LANE	CWO4 Hobey Stearns, Ret.
CWO2 (ENG) Terence M. Garvey, USCGR	Group Astoria	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (F&S) Randall D. Litka, USCG	USCGC Rush	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (BOSN) Michael D. Warner, USCG	Sector Corpus Christi	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (PERS) Shawna C. Ward, USCG	Deployable Operations Group	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (MSS) Wilfred O. Thomas, USCG	Sector Guam	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Jason T. Self, USCG	Sector Charleston	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Jonathan M. Mills, USCG	NESU Alameda	CWO4 Guy Cashman
CWO2 (ENG) Jeffrey S. Milgate, USCG	USCGC Sherman	CWO Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ISM) Joshua S. Lauer, USCG	HSC	CWO2 Brent Light
CWO2 (F&S) Keith R. Johnson, USCG	Deployable Operations Group	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ELC) Don J. Haldeman, USCG	USCGC Hamilton	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (MED) Todd A. Devore, USCG	HSC	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (MSS) James P. Beck, USCG	MSU Lake Charles	CWO4 Greg Hunton
CWO3 (ELC) V. R. Stigall, USCGR (Ret.)		The Association
CWO2 (BOSN) Jeffrey A. Chase, USCG	Sector Northern New England	The Association
CWO2 (ENG) Glenn J. Seymour, USCG	NESU Alameda	The Association
CWO2 (PSS) T. C. Magliocca, USCGR (Ret.)		The Association
CWO2 (PERS) Monica V. Ritvalsky, USCG	USCG Patrol Forces SW Asia	The Association
CWO2 (PERS) Ronald L. Taylor, USCG	CGHQ (CG-ACO-A)	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (BOSN) Robert Schafer, USCG	CG ISC Ketchikan	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (BOSN) Darren A. Pauly, USCG	USCG Sector New York	The Association
CWO2 (OSS) Michael S. Wood, USCG	Sector Portland, OR	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (AVI) Robert S. Kidney, USCG	AS Clearwater	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (F&S) Donald A. Wiley, USCG	CGC Seneca	The Association
CWO2 (ISM) Deanna L. S. Melleby, USCG	ESD Petaluma	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (ISM) Kevin P. Williams, USCG	TISCOM	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (ELC) Brandon W. Blanchard, USCG	Deployable Operations Group	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (MSSD) John D. Carpenter, USCG	MSU Morgan City, LA	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (BOSN) William J. Latham, USCG	CGC Morro Bay	The Association
CWO2 (WEPS) Thomas C. Dice, USCG	MSRT Chesapeake	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (PERS) Paulette K. Gough, USCG	Sector Detroit	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (BOSN) Stephen L. Engle, USCG	Station Rochester	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (BOSN) Lawrence H. Hollis, USCG	Station Port Aransas	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (ENG) Steven D. Beasley, USCG	NESU New Orleans	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (OSS) Phillip A. Jordinelli, USCG	Sector Sene	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (F&S) David A. Rudd, USCG	CGHQ	CWO3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (BOSN) John Phillips, USCG	AtoN Key West	CWO2 William A. Iozzino
CWO2 (MSSD) Kerry D Provence, USCG	Sector LA/LB	CWO4 Kenneth Vanek

Membership News

New 50-Year Members: Congratulations to **CWO2 Porter F. Ammerman, LCDR Thomas E. Bockman, CWO4 Michael H. Bower, CWO3 Robert H. McGinnis, and CWO4 Daniel D. Wiesman** who became 50-Year CWOA Members on May 1st and to **LCDR Edmond R. Harless and CWO3 William A. Liming** who became 50-Year CWOA Members on June 1st.

Crossed the Bar

CWO4 (ENG) Andrew Kirkpatrick, USCG (Retired) died on 25 February 2008. He is survived by his brother, Mr. Warren E. Kirkpatrick of 3542 43rd West, Seattle, WA 98199. CWO4 Kirkpatrick was born on 14 August 1917 and retired on 1 November 1966. He was a member of the Association 52 years.

CWO3 (MAT) David D. Beattie, USCG (Retired) died on 26 February 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Anna Belle Beattie of P.O. Box 644, Edgewater, FL 32132. CWO3 Beattie was born on 18 May 1923 and retired on 1 September 1974. He was a member of the Association 35 years.

CWO4 (BOSN) Louis J. Weber, USCG (Retired) died on 2 March 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nancy J. Weber of 705 Driftwood Drive, Lynn Haven, FL 32444-3421. CWO4 Weber was born on 13 August 1934 and retired on 1 December 1980. He was a member of the Association 40 years.

CWO4 (PERS) John W. Laine, USCG (Retired) died on 5 March 2008. He is survived by his brother, Mr. Arthur A. Laine of 1100 West Quincy Street, Hancock, MI 49930. CWO4 Laine was born on 7 February 1915 and retired on 9/1 September 1969. He was a member of the Association 51 years.

CWO4 (BOSN) Robert W. Bolen, USCG (Retired) died on 16 March 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie H. Bolen of 324 Royal Palm Blvd Apt #103, Charleston, SC 29407. CWO4 Bolen was born on 31 August 1927 and retired on 1 September 1975. He was a member of the Association 42 years.

CWO3 (ENG) Kenneth E. Vocke, USCG (Retired) died on 17 March 2008. He is survived by his daughters, Ms. Linda Grayot and Ms. Carol Vocke of 210 Ellendale Street, Pahump, NV 89048. CWO3 Vocke was born on 17 November 1936 and retired on 1 July 1975. He was a member of the Association 38 years.

CWO4 (ELC) John W. Stephens, USCG (Retired) died on 22 March 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Joann L. Stephens of 16725 N.E. 20th Street, Bellevue, WA 98008. CWO4 Stephens was born on 19 February 1943 and retired on 1 October 1983. He was a member of the Association 38 years.

LT Loy J. Russell, USCG (Retired) died on 24 March 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Delores D. Russell of 10142 W Campana Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351. LT Russell was born on 20 April 1927 and retired on 1 October 1974. He was a member of the Association 46 years.

CWO4 (PERS) Lester M. Roehr, USCG (Retired) died on 27 March 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary J. Roehr of 5632 Coniston Way, San Jose, CA 95118. CWO4 Roehr was born on 17 May 1919 and retired on 1 August 1969. He was a member of the Association 34 years.

CWO2 (CHBOSN) John E. Beck, USCG (Retired) died on 3 April 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bernice Beck of 23 Bryan Circle, Carson City, NV 89701. CWO2 Beck was born on 17 October 1931 and retired on 1 April 1958. He was a member of the Association 53 years.

CWO4 (F&S) Donald W. Olson, USCG (Retired) died on 10 April 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sylvia M. Olson of 510 N. Maple Street, Colville, WA 99114-3016. CWO4 Olson was born on 25 June 1920 and retired on 1 August 1972. He was a member of the Association 51 years.

CWO3 (BOSN) Earl J. Rouse, USCG (Retired) died on 11 April 2008. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Verna Rouse of 2506 Grey Twig Lane, Ft Pierce, FL 34981-4913. CWO3 Rouse was born on 4 July 1930 and retired on 1 September 1975. He was a member of the Association 39 years.

CWO3 (BOSN) Harold E. Matthews, USCG (Retired) died on 16 April 2008. He is survived by Ms. Irene M. Park of 4107 S. Palouse Street, Kennewick, WA 99337. CWO3 Matthews was born on 3 July 1941 and retired on 1 July 1979. He was a member of the Association 19 years.

CWO4 (BOSN) Roy E. Olson, USCG (Retired) died on 18 April 2008. He is survived by his son, Mr. Roy J. Olson of 9727 Chris Street, Hudson, FL 34699. CWO4 Olson was born on 6 November 1926 and retired on 1 September 1974. He was a member of the Association 44 years.



On behalf of the Association, VP of Reserve Affairs CWO3 George W. Young (left) presents a USCG Officers Sword Plaque to ENS Mark Ketchum at the May 7th Officer Candidate School graduation at the Coast Guard Academy. The CWOA presents the award to the Officer Candidate receiving a Temporary Commission who has attained the highest academic average. ENS Ketchum enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1998. After graduating Boot Camp, he was assigned to Station New Orleans where he struck Boatswain's Mate and qualified as a Coxswain and Boarding Officer. He deployed with Port Security Detachment Delta to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba following 9/11, then served as EPO at Station Grand Isle, LA. He also served as a Marine Inspector at MSD Panama City, FL, and, in 2006, he was assigned to the Pacific Tactical Law Enforcement Team in San Diego, CA. As a qualified LEDET Officer-In-Charge, he deployed to Iraq where his team trained five platoons of Iraqi marines and participated in Maritime Interdiction Operations. Ketchum is a graduate of Florida State University and now heads to the MSRT in Chesapeake, VA.

**Upcoming
General Membership Meetings**

July 9, 2008 at 1000 at Association Office
Oct. 8, 2008 at 1000 at Association Office

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