



# CWO News

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## 2009 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

*New Officers Sworn In and Two New Distinguished Members Selected in Tampa*



*Officers and Chapter Representatives at the CWOA Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida in April.*

The 2009 CWOA Annual Meeting was held April 30th to May 2nd at the Embassy Suites Hotel Tampa-Airport Westshore in Tampa, FL. Suncoast Chapter served as host for the event and did an awesome job keeping the Hospitality Suite well-stocked and arranging for a most enjoyable bus trip to the CGC Blackthorn Memorial where the Association honored our lost shipmates by placing flowers at the site.

The accommodations at the Embassy Suite were first-class and the hotel staff looked after all Association needs professionally and courteously. Kudos to Banquet Manager, Ms. Meko Booth, for her tremendous help prior to and during the Annual Meeting.

Hotel guests enjoyed complimentary breakfast each morning and a complimentary Manager's Reception each afternoon which made for many happy folks.

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## From the President

Greetings Everyone,

I'm happy to report the barge has made its way back into the water after being craned out for much needed repairs. She now sports new siding, doors and windows as well as numerous repairs and upgrades on the inside. Contractors are still on board finishing up but if you happen to be in the area stop by and check her out. Hopefully we will have some photos to put on the website soon.



**Brent A. Light**

I had the opportunity to do some traveling for the Association recently and during one of my trips to the Academy I stopped by the CWOPD School and had the privilege of meeting the students of Class 06-09. We had a nice discussion about the Association and the CWO Corps in general. Getting out and meeting everyone is definitely one of the aspects of the job that I like and I intend to try and make it up to visit with the staff and students of CWOPD on a more regular basis.

I'm sure everyone has heard of the soon to be formed Maritime Enforcement (ME) enlisted rating and CWO specialty. I spoke with CWO4 John Baker, CWO Specialty Force Manager, recently and he said the details for the specialty are close to being finalized. They are still hashing out the billet mapping so nothing is official yet but look to see the lateral solicitation message go out sometime in July.

Just prior to the Annual Meeting this year we had an email circulating that raised some concerns about how we communicate Association business as well as disseminate information to the general membership. Quite simply there are some things that should not be discussed on official Coast Guard networks and other than our quarterly newsletter we don't have a quick method of getting information out to the retired folks. I have decided to borrow a play from the Commandant's book and look at taking advantage of readily available technologies such as social networking sites like Facebook. I have begun creating a CWOA Group on Facebook where I hope to be able to post Association news and information of interest to our membership. I hope that it can also become an easy method for members to communicate and stay in touch. I know many of you are already members so look up my profile and send me a friend request. If you do not have a Facebook account I encourage you think about registering. If you are interested just go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and follow the instructions for obtaining an account. As you go through the registration process you will have the opportunity to affiliate with different organizations like the Coast Guard. Once you have your account set up just do a friend search for my name (Brent Light) and send me a request. I will respond as soon as I see it and get you pointed towards the CWOA Group page. I look forward to talking to you on the web. **Brent**

**Deadline for submissions to the next  
CWO News is 1 August 2009**

### By-Laws Change

In addition to electing a new Vice President, VP of Reserve Affairs, and Treasurer on the most recent ballot, the membership voted to approve a change to the Bylaws (indicated in **red** below).

Article II Membership, Section 2. Membership Types, b. Distinguished Members, paragraph (4) now reads:

“During the Annual Meeting, the President of the Association shall chair a special committee, consisting of the Association officers, presidents of the District and Area Chapters (**or their designated representative**), and distinguished members present. This special committee shall elect or reject the recommended nominees for distinguished membership. Election shall be by 75 percent of the special committee in attendance.”

**Impact:** If Chapter Presidents are unable to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association, they are allowed to designate another member of their Chapter to represent them at both the General Membership Sessions and the Executive Committee Sessions. This change has no cost implications and allows the representative of a Chapter President to vote on all matters which the Chapter President could vote on, if present, including recommendations for distinguished members. This change was in effect during the 2009 Annual Meeting in Tampa.

### TRICARE Behavioral Health Resource Guide

No one questions the need for medical care when someone is physically injured but, when people

### Baynanza 2009



*Several members of the Greater Miami Area CWOA and their families participated in Baynanza 2009, which serves to cleanup Biscayne Bay shores and islands in Miami-Dade County, FL. Pictured left to right are CWO Jason Kotz, current Miami CWOA President and past Presidents, CWO Dion Couch and CWO Bob Larson standing in front of over 75 bags of trash collected on an unnamed island in Biscayne Bay. Not pictured are Past President CWO Scott Dennis and CWO Tom Ponte who helped clean up Monument Island also located in Biscayne Bay, just west of Miami Beach.*

experience emotional problems they may feel embarrassed and afraid to seek help when the troubling signs first surface.

“A TRICARE Guide: Understanding Behavioral Health,” an 80-page publication, is now available online to all TRICARE beneficiaries at the TRICARE Smart Site at: [www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart](http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart).

### Grand Haven Festival

Coast Guard Retirees are invited to attend the Retirees & All steak and chicken barbeque at 1700 on Wednesday, July 29th in Grand Haven, MI which kicks off the annual Coast Guard Festival there. The Memorial Service will be held on Friday, July 31st at 1600 at the CGC Escanaba Memorial. For complete details on this year's festival, call (616) 846-5511.

### NNOA Conference

The 37th Annual National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) Professional Development and Training Conference will be held July 20-24, 2009, at the Western Galleria Hotel in Houston, TX. This year's theme is “Embracing Diversity to Build a Stronger Military.”

This annual conference incorporates over 20 hours of educational and professional development workshops and seminars. Each session is designed to enhance attendees knowledge while increasing their awareness of current and emerging issues that impact the careers of Sea Service officers.

Maximum participation is strongly encouraged and attendance is open to all active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard officers as well as civilians GS-9 and above. COs are highly encouraged to promote and support their members attendance by providing the time and funding for this opportunity, and are authorized to issue TAD orders at government expense. Permissive orders are also authorized.

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For more information on NNOA missions and history, as well as the 2009 Annual Conference, go to: [www.nnoa.org](http://www.nnoa.org).

### Lighthouse Preservation

My name is **CWO3 (ELC) Rich Felter, USCG (Ret.)** and I have been a CWOA member since 1978. I am also a member of a group of lighthouse enthusiasts at: [www.Lighthousekeepers.com](http://www.Lighthousekeepers.com). We are currently, as a group, attempting to raise money for lighthouse preservation. I know many other Association members share my interest in lighthouses so if you'd like to learn more, go to: [www.thecapecodstore.com/opportunity\\_drawing/header](http://www.thecapecodstore.com/opportunity_drawing/header).

### Post 9-11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008

On May 1st, the Dept. of Veterans Affairs began accepting applications for the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill for members who applied to receive benefits. To obtain information and an application form, go to the VA website at: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

The benefit is an automatic entitlement for service-

members with at least 90 days of active duty service following Sept. 11, 2001. no action is required by the member until they either (1) apply to receive benefits; (2) seek to transfer benefit eligibility to dependents; or (3) are currently eligible for another educational benefit (MGIB, MGIB-SR, REAP) and who seek eligibility under the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill. Individuals eligible under another educational benefit who seek eligibility under the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill are directed to the Application Form on the VA website. The form requires that individuals make an irrevocable election to convert from their existing program to the Post 9-11 G.I. Bill.

In regards to the transfer of benefits to dependents, the VA was scheduled to begin accepting applications OOA June 15th via a web-based portal. A transferability application is required to be approved by USCG officials to ensure the servicemember has obligated any required additional service. With USCG approval, the application would then be automatically forwarded to the VA for review and completion.

### Clarification of REAP Benefits

The Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) was established for Reservists who were activated for at least 90 days in support of a contingency operation on or after Sept. 11, 2001 such as Noble Eagle (ONE), Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The educational assistance allowance is a percentage of the MGIB-AD (Chapter 30) three-year rate based on the number of days served on active duty. These are as follows:

- 40% (served at least 90 continuous days but less than one continuous year.)
- 60% (served one continuous year but less than two continuous years.)
- 80% (served two or more continuous years or three cumulative years.)

A Buy-Up Program was established in 2008 enabling a Reservist to contribute up to \$600 which would increase the appropriate monthly benefit \$5 for every \$20 contributed. Minimum contribution is \$20 and maximum is \$600 per month in multiples of \$20.

Members should review the costs and benefit amounts they are eligible for on the VA web site: [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

### New Emerald Isle Chapter Officers



*On April 17th, new Emerald Isle Chapter (Kodiak) officers were sworn in by CDR Sam Jordan. (Left to right) CDR Jordan, Joe Bower (Treasurer), John Kimmel (VP), and Mark Moore (President). Congratulations to the new officers.*

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### Donations

Thanks are extended for the following donations:

- **Mr. Tommy C. Jones, Jr.**
- **LCDR Ernie Joyce, USCG (Ret.)** for his contribution to the Scholarship Fund in memory of LT William C. Bart, USCG (Ret.) and CWO3 John C. Wimbrow, USCG (Ret.).
- **Little Club on the Prairie and Baltimore, Norfolk, Juneau, Greater Miami, Golden Gate, Southern California, Silver State, Pacific Northwest, Boston, Rocly Coast, Suncoast, and St. Louis Chapters** for their contributions to the Scholarship Fund.
- **Little Club on the Prairie and Norfolk, Baltimore, Golden Gate, New Orleans, and Boston Chapters** for their contributions to the Building Fund

### CWOPD Class 05-09

On the day you are commissioned to Chief Warrant Officer, your friends shake your hand, old shipmates eagerly snap you a crisp salute, and new peers invariably

give you an age-old jibe. With an elbow to the ribs, fellow Coast Guard Officers snicker and conspiratorially intone that now you are bound for “Knife and Fork” school – welcome to the club. For some seasoned Coast Guardsman, the very thought of that training ranks somewhere between a dental exam and a conversation with a used car dealership. While attendance is mandatory for all new Chief Warrant Officers, it is also a recognized right of passage marking your transition from an enlisted member to a commissioned officer.

Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development (CWOPD) Class 05-09 arrived in New London, Connecticut seeking the tools and training to assist with our transformation. Beginning on the first day, the CWOPD staff began to not only set expectations, but also provide us with many “tools for our toolbox.” While Military Etiquette and Sword Manual are certainly part of the curriculum, we took away many other valuable lessons in addition to the oft-maligned “Knife and Fork” portion of the course. We sharpened our writing skills, and had the opportunity to improve public speaking. The staff



*Members of CWOPD Class 05-09*

helped us define and understand our new role in the Coast Guard as leaders and role models. Project management sessions gave us new insight and direction on how to achieve shared goals. Some of us took away from CWOPD a better understanding of our new evaluation system, and how to navigate it properly. Finally, we met new friends and shipmates that have already become an important part of our professional network.

The next time we congratulate a freshly minted CWO, we can now join in the mock empathy for their plight. As graduates of the Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Professional Development course, we also have the opportunity to share our great experiences and reassure that new CWO that “Knife and Fork” is far better than a trip to the dentist!

CWOPD Class 05-09 maintained an outstanding overall G.P.A. of 97.68% for the course. Two members stood out. CWO Mario Vittone graduated with an overall average of 99%. Mr. Vittone also earned both the Academic/Honor Graduate Award sponsored by the Foundation for Coast Guard History and the Chief Warrant Officer Association Distinguished Officer Award as voted by his shipmates. CWO Christopher Sage earned the Management & Process Improvement Award sponsored by CWOPD and the Physical Fitness Award sponsored by the CWOA Long Island Sound Chapter.

CWOPD Class 05-09 consisted of CWO Larry Antonucci (Wardroom Treasurer), CWO Mike Bouchard, CWO Phillip Bradberry, CWO Michael Brashier (Class Leader), CWO Alaun Buckley, CWO Jon Cotton (Photographer), CWO A.J. Duty, CWO Sydney Glass, CWO Stephen Jones, CWO Jeffrey Kidder (Assistant Class Leader), CWO Chad (P90X) Lovato, CWO Kevin Merideth (Assignments Officer), CWO Timothy Pettengill, CWO Adam Pruss, CWO Christopher Sage (Wellness Officer), CWO Randall Seltzer, CWO Ricardo Sesman, CWO Albert Shannon, CWO Mark Stauffer, CWO Alvin Thorne, CWO Aaron Urbanawiz, and CWO Mario Vittone. **CWO A.J. Duty**

### Association Death Gratuity

Association members, on their application for membership, are provided space to list their designated primary and contingent beneficiaries for the death gratuity payment paid by the Association when the member crosses the bar. This information should be reviewed periodically and updated if desired. This reminder has been included in several *CWO News* issues and many members have subsequently updated forms to reflect their current wishes regarding the death gratuity payment.

Still, upon the passing of a CWOA member, I must use the latest (or only) designation of beneficiary form they have on file, and some are dated 20 or more years earlier. In some of those cases the primary (and often contingent) beneficiaries have predeceased the Association member and the addresses listed are not valid. Also, many times a member who has their spouse listed as the primary beneficiary divorces that spouse but never changes the death gratuity beneficiary designation. This becomes extremely uncomfortable when dealing with the current spouse or

### Association Awards



*On May 6th, CWO Brent Light presented a Coast Guard Officer Sword Plaque to Officer Candidate Patrick Lammersen during OCS graduation ceremonies at the Coast Guard Academy.*



*CWO Brent Light (right) presents a watch to ENS Matthew Meacham on May 19th at the Coast Guard Academy.*

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contingent beneficiary since the ex-spouse is still listed as the one to receive the death gratuity.

Bottom line: If you don't remember the last time you updated your beneficiary designation form, or who you have listed, I urge you to contact the Association Office and do so. A copy of your most recent form, along with a blank Designation of Beneficiary form and return envelope, will be mailed to you. Thanks! **Executive Director**

### **Former Cutter to Become Museum**

The 110-foot former Coast Guard cutter *Apalachee* was recently sailed from Oswego, NY to Cleveland, OH to become a floating museum. The Coast Guard Tug Association, with members across the nation, hopes to berth it by the old Coast Guard Whiskey Island Station at the entrance of Cleveland harbor.

CWO Dave Cunningham, USCG (Ret.), commanded the recent voyage, 23 years after he had served as the cutter's last commanding officer when it was decommissioned in 1986. According to Cunningham, the cutter had a complement of no more than a dozen or so but that "hundreds of men served on her since World War II," and at least in spirit they were all onboard for the trip to Cleveland.

The *Apalachee* spent the past 20 years around Oswego Bay until its civilian owner donated the cutter to the Coast Guard Tug Association in January.

### **You Could Get Bounced From TRICARE Prime**

A new Dept. of Defense (DoD) policy aimed at "cleaning up" TRICARE Prime enrollment at military treatment facilities (MTF's) could result in some significant changes for many Prime enrollees.

TRICARE has long had established travel access standards to help beneficiaries receive timely health care. Those standards require that enrollees shouldn't be assigned a primary care manager (PCM) at a military hospital or clinic that's more than a 30-minute drive from the beneficiary's home address. As a practical matter, DoD never really enforced this policy but it will be now.

If enrollees want to continue to be seen in the MTF, current Prime enrollees in the U.S. who live further than 30-minutes away from the MTF will have to request a waiver of the drive-time standard from the MTF commander or the TRICARE Regional Office. Drive

times will be determined by a computer program similar to MapQuest. Approved waivers will have to be renewed annually.

Unless they apply for and are granted a waiver before Oct. 1st, enrollees who live more than 30 minutes (but less than 40 miles) from the MTF will be assigned a civilian primary care manager closer to their residence. Absent a waiver, those who live more than 40 miles from the MTF will be disenrolled from Prime and revert to TRICARE Standard as of Oct. 1st.

TRICARE contractors are mailing letters to all affected beneficiaries, providing detailed instructions on the waiver process.

### **Get Your DD-214 Online**

The National Personnel records Center (NPRC) now provides the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's: [vetrecs.archives.gov](http://vetrecs.archives.gov).

### **Upcoming General Membership Meetings**

If you're in the Greater DC area on the following dates please mark your calendar to attend our General Membership Meetings: **July 15th at 1000** and **Oct. 28th at 1000**, both held at the Association Office (The Barge).

### **Back In The Saddle Again**



***Congratulations to Past President CWO James T. (J.T.) Green (right) who was elected as new Association VP. Here he is after being sworn in by Past President Norm Robbins.***

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Attendees at the 2009 Annual Meeting included:

### Association Officers Present

CWO2 (ISM) Brent A. Light - President  
CWO4 (PERS) Robert L. Lewis, Ret. - Secretary  
CWO3 (F&S) Mitzie A. Robinson - Treasurer

### Chapter Representatives Present

CWO3 (ENG) Robert F. Dudley, Jr., Ret. - Rocky Coast  
CWO3 (ELC) James F. Hammond - Boston  
CWO3 (COMM) Jerry C. Fitchett - Long Island Sound  
CWO4 (F&S) Richard G. Waechter, Ret. - Cape Island  
CWO2 (BOSN) Philip Pinto - Philadelphia  
CWO2 (ELC) Michael S. Hayden - Baltimore  
CWO2 (ELC) Mark F. Piontek - Washington, DC  
CWO2 (ELC) Lee A. Shappley - Steven Shields  
CWO2 (BOSN) Steven C. Carriere - Yorktown  
CWO4 (ENG) William L. Wathen, Ret. - Norfolk  
CWO2 (MSS) Zeffrey Z. Mims - Greater Miami  
CWO4 (F&S) William J. Reetz, Ret. - Suncoast  
CWO2 (ELC) James C. Pulse, Ret. - New Orleans  
CWO2 (ENG) Thomas M. Hodge - St Louis  
CWO2 (F&S) Earl Ryder, Jr., Ret. - Little Club on the Prairie  
CWO4 (PERS) Joseph R. Howard, Ret. - Silver State  
CWO2 (MSS) Dustin B. Overturf - Southern California  
CWO2 (ELC) Joseph M. Belson - Golden Gate  
CWO4 (F&S) Tracy W. Zuehls - Pacific Northwest  
CWO4 (MAT) Jay T. Menze - Juneau  
CWO2 (BOSN) Brian A. Leavy - Mid-Pacific  
CWO4 (F&S) Mark S. Moore - Emerald Isle

### Other Members Present

CWO3 (F&S) Vincent W. Bowman  
CWO2 (PERS) Amy K. Cerino - Treasurer-Elect  
CWO4 (F&S) David T. Daniels, Ret.  
CWO4 (MAT) Robert O. Gesking, Ret.  
CWO4 (F&S) Charles W. Mattoon, Ret.  
CWO4 (PERS) Carl B. Seale, Ret.  
CWO4 (PERS) Maurice Robillard, Ret.  
LCDR Edward B. Swift, Ret.  
CWO4 (BOSN) Robert F. Sullivan, Ret.  
CWO4 (PERS) Dianne S. Trawick, USCGR - VP Reserve-Elect  
CWO2 (F&S) Dawn D. Zabel, Ret.  
CWO4 (BOSN) James P. Contratto, Ret.  
CWO4 (F&S) Everett J. Matteson, Ret.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Brent Light at 0902 on April 30, 2009. He made announcements concerning administrative matters, discussed materials in each member's folders, and provided the procedure to be used on motions. He then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed

by a moment of silence while he read the names of Association members who had crossed the bar since the 2008 Annual Meeting. The President recognized Distinguished Members and Past Presidents CWO Dave Daniels, CWO Carl Seale, and CWO Bob Lewis; Distinguished Members CWO Mattie Matteson, CWO Bill Reetz, CWO Ric Waechter, and CWO Wayne Zuehls; and Past President CWO Bill Mattoon.



*Reversible coffee mug coasters made by Suncoast Chapter and provided to all the chapter representatives.*

The Minutes of the Oct. 8, 2008 General Membership Meeting and the Dec. 17, 2008 Special General Membership Meeting were approved and placed on file.

Bob Lewis moved that the Minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting, which were previously approved, be amended, which motion was seconded and carried by two-thirds.

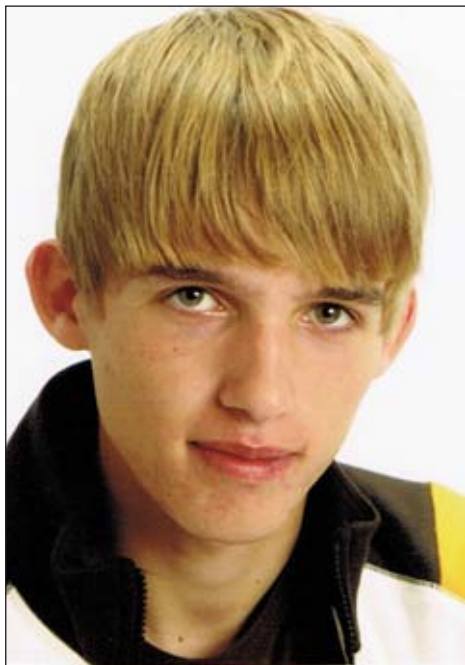
The [Treasurer's Report](#) for the period July 1, 2008 through April 27, 2009 was received, corrected and placed on file.

The [Membership Report](#) for the period April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009 was placed on file.

In the [President's Report](#) CWO Light reported that the email concerning the Coast Guard helicopter memorial raised questions concerning the use of government email for a fund-raiser as a violation of the USCG's limited use policy. There was discussion of use of email for CWOA business. It is okay if it falls within the 30 minutes a day authorized for personal business.

The [Ballot Committee Report](#) on the 2009 elections was received, corrected and placed on file. Successful candidates were CWO James T. Green for Vice President; CWO Dianne S. Trawick, USCGR for VP of Reserve Affairs; and CWO Amy K. Cerino for Treasurer.

The [Scholarship Committee Report](#) was received and placed on file. Congratulations to the following applicants who received CWO John A. Keller -- CWOA Scholarship Grants for 2009:



*CWO John A. Keller -- CWOA Scholarship Grant recipients (clockwise from above) Sean M. Derevjanik, Caitlyn T. Caldwell, and Amanda M. Collier.*



♦♦ **Ms. Samantha J. Boyd** of Stafford, VA, daughter of CWO2 Barry K. Boyd of USCG NAVCEN Alexandria, VA.

♦♦ **Ms. Caitlyn T. Caldwell** of Ploand, OH, daughter of deceased member CWO2 Dominic D. Caldwell, USCG (Ret.)

♦♦ **Ms. Amanda M. Collier** of Mustang, OK, daughter of CWO3 Devale J. Collier of the USCG Institute.

♦♦ **Mr. Sean M. Derevjanik** of Berwick, ME, son of CWO3 Michael J. Derevjanik of ISC Boston.

♦♦ **Mr. John G. MacDhubhain** of Hudsonville, MI, son of CWO4 William M. MacDhubhain, USCG (Ret.)

♦♦ **Ms. Molly E. Spears** of Wilmington, NC, daughter of CWO4 Richard S. Spears, USCG (Ret.)

Chapter reports were presented by Rocky Coast, Boston, Long Island Sound, Cape Island, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Steven Shields - Alexandria, Yorktown, Washington, D.C., Norfolk, Greater Miami, Mid-Pacific, Emerald Isle, Juneau, Pacific Northwest, Golden Gate, Southern California, and Silver State

Chapters.

The [Scholarship Program Review Committee Report](#) was received and placed on file. The committee recommended that the Association establish a scholarship program for the dependents of enlisted personnel, that the program be named the "Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship Program" and that all funds received from Art Colona's bequest and the total income received from those funds be transferred to the Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship Program. Considerable discussion ensued regarding this scholarship and the President tasked Bob Lewis and Mike Hayden to prepare revisions to the proposed Rules and Regulations for the Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship program and submit them to the membership on May 2nd.

Bob Lewis reported on the [Records Preservation Project](#) status. Approximately 15,500 pages have been scanned, including tax files, financial files, and some chapter records. Once chapter record emails from July 2005 to date have been scanned, CD's of the complete chapter records will be provided each chapter for their use.

The [Permanent Finance Committee Report](#) was received and placed on file. Ric Waechter moved that when the \$100,000 from the bequest from Art Colona currently in short-term CD's matures, it be invested in 5-7 year CD's (whichever provide the highest interest rate). The motion was seconded and carried.

CWO Rusty Huyck and CWO John Baker made a presentation on the accomplishments of the

Specialty Force Managers in the past year and their pending and ongoing projects. A copy of their Power Point presentation was placed on file. Rusty and John then answered questions about the CWO to LT program, theories about billets, and other subjects.

St. Louis presented their chapter report.



*Sean M. Derevjanik being presented his scholarship grant check by his dad, CWO Michael Derevjanik,*

Bob Lewis moved to adopt the following:

## **“The Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship Program” Standing Rules and Regulations**

### **SECTION I – Purpose.**

The Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship Program (The Colona Scholarship) is established to financially assist dependent sons/daughters of enlisted members of the United States Coast Guard on active duty or retired.

### **SECTION II – Funds.**

1. All funds expended for grants will be taken from the income earned by the assets in the Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship Program accounts.

2. Grants will be given in the amount of \$4,000.00 (\$1,000.00 a year for four years). The grants must be fully funded prior to being awarded. Funds are to be used toward expenses at an accredited institution of higher learning beyond high school.

3. Any expenditure, other than grants, must be authorized at a General Membership Meeting. No expenditure shall be made other than in furtherance of the purposes stated in the Standing Rules and Regulations and the administration thereof.

### **SECTION III – Governing Board.**

A Scholarship Committee comprised of not fewer than three and not more than six members shall be appointed by the Association President prior to

*(Right)  
Association  
President Brent  
Light and  
Distinguished  
Member and Past  
President Dave  
Daniels present  
flowers at the  
USCGC  
Blackthorn  
Memorial.*



1 September of each year. The committee shall formulate the application; prepare instructions to the applicants, and select the recipients of the grants and provide the President the names of the recipients prior 1 August.

### **SECTION IV – Amendment of the Standing Rules and Regulations.**

Amendments of the Standing Rules and Regulations shall only be made by two-thirds vote of the CWOA members present at an Annual Meeting or at an Association Convention.

### **SECTION V – Eligibility and Application Requirements.**

1. An applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

a. Be the dependent son/daughter of an enlisted member of the United States Coast Guard on active duty or retired.

b. Be a senior in high school with an average of “C” or better during the most recent two semesters or be currently enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning with an average of “C” or better for the year immediately prior to application.

c. If enrolled in an institution of higher learning be enrolled in a full time course of instruction (12 credit hours or more).

d. Applicants must show proof of full time



*(Above) Distinguished Members (left to right) Wayne Zuehls, Carl Seals, Mattie Matteson, Dave Daniels, Ric Waechter, Bill Reetz, and Bob Lewis stand by the CGC Blackthorn anchor and plaque at the cutter’s Memorial.*

enrollment in order to receive subsequent payments during their second, third and fourth years.

e. The financial status of the applicant or applicant's parents shall not be a factor in eligibility or in awarding grants.

## 2. Application Requirements:

a. Applications shall be submitted to the Association Office, post-marked not later than 1 June each year.

b. Applicant must submit proof that one of their parents is an enlisted member of the United States Coast Guard on active duty or retired.

c. Applicants shall submit with their application their reason(s) for attending or desiring to attend an accredited institution of higher learning. Submissions shall be limited to two handwritten pages or one typed page and must specifically include immediate and long-range goals.

d. Applicants who have not completed one or more years at an institution of higher learning shall furnish a certified copy of his/her scholastic record beginning with the tenth grade. Applicants who have completed one or more years at an institution of higher learning shall furnish a certified copy of his/her academic record beyond high school.

e. Applicants shall



*(Above) DM Bill Reetz is presented the CWO4 Robert L. Lewis Award from President Brent Light. This award recognizes exemplary work by Distinguished Members.*



*(Above) CAPT Timothy Close reads the oath of office to swear-in new VP of Reserve Affairs Dianne Trawick and new Treasurer Amy Cerino.*



*(Above) President Brent Light presents new Distinguished Member Bill Mattoon his DM Certificate at the Banquet.*

furnish a copy of their letter of acceptance at an institution of higher learning.

f. Applicants are encouraged to submit documentation in support of any personal accomplishments, extracurricular activities, or community service performed during the past two years.

g. Applicants are encouraged to submit a head and shoulder photograph to be published in the *CWO News*, if a scholarship grant is awarded. The photograph will not be used by the Scholarship Committee in consideration of awarding grants.

## SECTION VI – Presentation of Grants

Grants and follow up payments will be made during the month of August. Whenever possible, grants will be presented by an area or district chapter of the CWOA in the vicinity of the grant recipient. The chapter should schedule appropriate ceremonies and a presentation should be made by the chapter president or an Association member in the area.”

The motion was seconded and carried.

New Orleans and Suncoast presented their chapter reports. Additionally, Bill Reetz announced he had obtained a proclamation from the City of Tampa congratulating the Association on our 80th anniversary, which was received and placed on file.

Under New Business, Mike Hayden moved that the President assign a committee to investigate the possibility of funding for an association member, in good

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standing, their first diploma or certificate, which motion was seconded and carried.

The following items were brought up under Good of the Order:

- In response to a question by Mattie Matteson, the members were advised that it is the policy of the CWOA to send an acknowledgment of donations to both the donor and those who donated in memory of an individual.

- The Rocky Coast, Long Island Sound and Boston Chapters volunteered to provide members for the Bylaws Committee.

- Bill Mattoon thanked the Special Committee for their work on the Distinguished member process.

- The Golden Gate Chapter volunteered to provide members for the Keller Scholarship Committee.

- The Silver State Chapter volunteered to provide members for the Keller Scholarship Committee.

- Bob Gesking advised that an old Coast Guard "WTM" was being brought to Cleveland with plans for restoration.

- Carl Seale suggested periodic inclusion in the CWO News of all allotment donors.

At the Saturday evening banquet, the Colors were presented by a four-person color guard unit from USCG Sector Tampa-St. Petersburg. Mattie Matteson read the



*(Above) Secretary Bob Lewis presents an Officer Plaque to Brent Light in recognition of his service as Vice President.*



*(Above) Outgoing Treasurer Mitzie Robinson is presented an Officer Plaque from President Brent Light in recognition of her two terms in office.*

Association Preamble. President Light explained the significance of the "Table of Remembrance". Following a superb dinner, the President introduced CAPT Timothy M. Close, commanding officer of USCG Sector Tampa-St. Petersburg, who provided an enlightening talk on today's Coast Guard, what is going on in the Florida area, and some stories of his personal interactions with warrant officers over the years. CAPT Close then swore in new Association officers CWO Dianne Trawick and CWO Amy Cerino. President Light concluded the evening by making presentations and introducing CWO Bill Mattoon as the Association's newest Distinguished Member.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2045 on May 2, 2009. The 2010 Annual Meeting will be in Alameda, CA.

### New 25-Year Members

Congratulations to **LCDR Day M. Boswell** and **LT Michael E. Yensz** who become 25-Year CWOA Members on 1 June 2009.

Congratulations to **CWO4 Robert R. Minugh** and **CWO3 Steven C. Vernier** who become 25-Year CWOA Members on 1 July 2009.

### New 50-Year Members

Congratulations to **CWO2 James E. Butler**, **CWO4 John C. Revels**, and **CWO3 Leo L. Richmond** who become 50-Year CWOA Members on 1 June 2009.

Congratulations to **CDR Peter D. Corson**, **CDR Richard F. Goward**, **CWO3 Charles A. Lester**, **CWO3 William A. Lewis**, **CWO4 Raymond H. Mathison**, and **CWO4 Edward F. Mattingly** who became 50-Year CWOA Members on 1 July 2009.



## *New Members*

Welcome aboard wishes to the following new CWOA members:



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CWO2 (MED) John M. Seals, USCG	ISC San Pedro	WEPS4 Kenneth Vanek
CWO2 (F&S) Lon H. Reed, USCG	CGC Legare	The Association
CWO2 (MAT) Lawrence P. Antonucci, USCG	MLC Atlantic	COMM3 Jerry Fitchett
CWO2 (AVI) Michael B. Bouchard, USCG	ALC Elizabeth City	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (MSSD) Phillip J. Bradberry, USCG	MSU Lake Charles	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (ENG) Alaun I. Buckley, USCG	CGC Barracuda	COMM3 Jerry C. Fitchett
CWO2 (MSS) Jon N. Cotton, USCG	MSU Lake Charles	COMM3 Jerry C. Fitchett
CWO2 (PERS) Jeffrey M. Kidder, USCG	ISC New Orleans	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (ENG) Chad M. Lovato, USCG	CG Academy	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (ENG) Timothy A. Pettengill, USCG	CGC Halibut	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (BOSN) Christopher D. Sage, USCG	CG ANT Moriches	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (ENG) Randall G. Seltzer, USCG	CGC Elm	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (ELC) Ricardo A. Sesman, USCG	CG ESD Memphis	ELC2 William A. Iozzino
CWO2 (MSSD) Albert Shannon, USCG	Sector Houston	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (BOSN) Mark A. Stauffer, USCG	CGC Ridley	COMM3 Jerry C. Fitchett
CWO2 (MED) Alvin H. Thorne, USCG	ISC Cleveland	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (ELC) Aaron L. Urbanawiz, USCG	CG LORSTA Baudette	ELC4 Gregory F. Enters
CWO2 (MSSD) Mario M. Vittone, USCG	Sector Hampton Roads	BOSN4 Troy L. Reidel
CWO2 (MSSE) Sydney W. Glass, USCG	Sector New York	PERS4 Gregory Hunton
CWO2 (ISM) Michael R. Brashier, USCG	Comdt (CG-262)	PERS4 Gregory Hunton
CWO2 (MSSD) Matthew B. Ricks, USCG	MSD St. Thomas	The Association
CWO2 (BOSN) Peter J. Howard, USCG	CGC Polar Sea	The Association
CWO2 (MSSE) Dennis J. Croyle, USCG	Sector San Diego	BOSN2 Zach K. Cummings
CWO2 (ENG) John J. Hollins, USCG	PSC (epm-2)	The Association
CWO2 (BOSN) Patrick W. Morkis, USCG	CGC Sycamore	The Association
CWO2 (INV) Carroll W. Williams, USCG	CGIS Champlain NY/VT	The Association
CWO2 (OSS) Kimberly N. Angel, USCG	CG TRACEN Cape May	PERS4 David R. Lapp
CWO2 (MAT) Michael C. Arnold, USCG	Sector Houston-Galveston	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (BOSN) Scott R. Baker, USCG	Sector San Juan	WEPS2 Richard W. Ward
CWO2 (F&S) George Beltran-Vazquez, USCG	CG Sector San Juan	WEPS2 Richard W. Ward
CWO2 (MSSD) Jeffrey S. Brown, USCG	CG Personnel Service Ctr.	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ISM) Adam T. Cain, USCG	ESU Portsmouth	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (F&S) Davin M. Darling, USCG	USCGC Chase	PERS4 Greg Hunton

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CWO2 (ISM) Steven R. Grimes, USCG	TISCOM	ELC2 Luisto R. Bayton
CWO2 (ELC) Jina M. Ho-Waller, USCG	CGC Rush	WEPS2 Richard W. Ward
CWO2 (INV) Stacey L. Ledford, USCG	DDE FBI JITF New York	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ISS) Dennis J. McNamara, USCG	MIFC-Lant	WEPS2 Richard W. Ward
CWO2 (ENG) Rodney T. Phillips, USCG	CGC Northland	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Tyson L. Richards, USCG	Group Humboldt Bay	WEPS2 Douglas L. Winstein
CWO2 (ENG) Noe Robledo, USCGUS	CGC Northland	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (WEPS) Douglas L. Winstein, USCG	PSC	PERS4 Greg Hunton
CWO2 (ENG) Matthew R. Zytkowicz, USCG	USCGC Steadfast	WEPS2 Richard W. Ward
CWO2 (MSSE) Scott A. Harroun, USCG	CGC Sangamon	The Association
CWO2 (MAT) Christopher E. Gazey, USCG	SFO Valdez	The Association
CWO2 (WEPS) Chad A. Barber, USCG	USCG Academy	The Association
CWO2 (F&S) Richard A. Sambenedetto, USCG	CGAS Atlantic City	F&S4 Richard Waechter
CWO2 (INV) Sean M. Bottary, USCG	CGIS Detachment Anchorage	PERS4 Billy M. McCollough
CWO2 (ISM) Christopher Kensil, USCG	CG TISCOM	ELC2 Lee Shappley
CWO2 (ISM) Jeffrey A. Caler, USCG	CG HSC	ISM2 Brent A. Light
CWO2 (ELC) Donald J. Fiore, USCG	CGC Waesche	The Association
CWO2 (PERS) David S. Washburn, USCG	PSC (PSD-FS)	PERS3 Deborah Turner
CWO2 (PERS) Michael M. Funkhouser, USCG		The Association
CWO2 (INV) Renier R. Hernandez, USCGR	CGIS Central Region	The Association
CWO2 (MSSD) Dean L. Speshock, USCG	Sector New Orleans	The Association
CWO2 (MSSE) William G. Garrison, USCG	MSU Houma, LA	The Association
CWO2 (MSSE) Richard D. Zampella, USCG	CGC Neah Bay	The Association

### *Crossed the Bar*

**CWO3 (F&S) Gerald D. Kaarstad, USCG (Retired)** died on 17 April 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bridget M. Kaarstad of 15426 West Earll Court, Goodyear, AZ 85338. CWO3 Kaarstad was born on 25 February 1931 and retired on 1 August 1972. He was a member of the Association 43 years.

**CWO4 (F&S) Jack H. Starr, USCG (Retired)** died on 24 April 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kathleen J. Starr of 9019 Range Drive, New Athens, IL 62264. CWO4 Starr was born on 13 September 1933 and retired on 1 July 1976. He was a member of the Association 43 years.

**CWO3 (F&S) Harold E. Casper, USCG (Retired)** died on 28 April 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy M. Casper of 9278 Tamerton Way, Sacramento, CA 95829-9237. CWO3 Casper was born on 20 May 1931 and retired on 1 August 1975. He was a member of the Association 39 years.

**CWO4 (PERS) Bobby B. Butler, USCG (Retired)** died on 3 May 2009. He is survived by his son, Mr. Bobby C. Butler of 6328 Florida Circle, West, Apollo, FL 33572. CWO4 Butler was born on 27 September 1936 and

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retired on 1 August 1985. He was a member of the Association 32 years.

**CWO4 (BOSN) George A. Matheson, USCG (Retired)** died on 3 May 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Matheson of 2313 Furman Drive, Charleston, SC 29414. CWO4 Matheson was born on 29 March 1935 and retired on 1 August 1985. He was a member of the Association 40 years.

**CWO4 (PERS) Wilson F. Jones, USCG (Retired)** died on 4 May 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary K. Jones of 1150 Nash Lee Drive, SW, Lilburn, GA 30047. CWO4 Jones was born on 25 December 1918 and retired on 1 April 1970. He was a member of the Association 49 years.

**CWO3 (ELC) James A. Walker, USCG (Retired)** died on 5 May 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Joanne C. Walker of 34 Mystic Road, North Stonington, CT 06359. CWO3 Walker was born on 24 November 1931 and retired on 1 September 1976. He was a member of the Association 37 years.

**LT William C. Bart, USCG (Retired)** died on 5 May 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Dianna S. Foster of Tabernacle Road, Cold Spring, NJ 08204. LT Bart was born on 18 January 1923 and retired on 1 June 1974. He was a member of the Association 50 years.

**LCDR Richard A. Kirkman, USCG (Retired)** died on 11 May 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ramona Goodrich of 9412 Edlee Road, Panama City, FL 32404. LCDR Kirkman was born on 10 August 1936 and retired on 4 October 1984. He was a member of the Association 43 years.

**CWO3 (ENG) Joseph A. Petit, USCG (Retired)** died on 13 May 2009. He is survived by his son, Kevin S. Petit, and daughter, Mrs. Gina Medina of 2700 FM 802 #425, Brownsville, TX 78526. CWO3 Petit was born on 5 May 1935 and retired on 1 August 1978. He was a member of the Association 37 years.

**CWO4 (CHSPCK) Norman R. Hundwin, USCG (Retired)** died on 14 May 2009. He is survived by his nephews, Mr. Gary Hundwin and Mr. Arthur Otness of 1219 119th Place, SE, Everett, WA 98208. CWO4 Hundwin was born on 14 December 1917 and retired on 1 June 1967. He was a member of the Association 54 years.

**CWO3 (F&S) Daniel E. Moulson, USCG (Retired)** died on 20 May 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Julie A. Moulson of 22571 Visnaw Street, St Clair Shores, WI 48081. CWO3 Moulson was born on 26 March 1939 and retired on 1 May 1980. He was a member of the Association 36 years.

**CWO2 (F&S) Elbert S. Hendrix, USCG (Retired)** died on 22 May 2009. He is survived by his guardian, Ms. Sherry Wamba. CWO2 Hendrix was born on 2 April 1916 and retired on 1 May 1957. He was a member of the Association 52 years.

**LT David M. Poissant, USCG (Retired)** died on 25 May 2009. He is survived by his son, Mr. Jason S. Poissant of 31 Boston Street, Apt. F, Coventry, RI 33062. LT Poissant was born on 8 November 1948 and retired on 1 July 1992. He was a member of the Association 28 years.

**CWO4 (ENG) Wayne J. Fisher, USCG (Retired)** died on 5 June 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice C. Fisher of 6030 Unity Pass, Groveland, FL 34736. CWO4 Fisher was born on 29 September 1928 and retired on 1 February 1977. He was a member of the Association 49 years.

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*With a crowd of curious onlookers from CG Headquarters and James Creek Marina watching, a heavy-duty crane slowly hoisted the CWOA National Office (The Barge) out of the water on May 14th for its long overdue “makeover”. As this magazine goes to print, The Barge is back in the water at it’s marina slip but more interior and exterior work continues. Photos of the entire facelift will be included in the next CWO News.*