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2010 Pay Raises May Be Higher

Congress Wants 3.4 % Which Is 1/2 % Higher Than President Obama's Plan

The Obama administration has proposed a 2.9 percent across-the board increase in basic pay effective January 1, 2010 but members of the House and Senate Armed Services committees have reached bipartisan consensus on a 3.4 percent pay raise, half a percentage point higher. The chart below shows monthly base pay amounts for most Coast Guard CWOs with the 3.4 percent raise.

Both the House and Senate Armed Services committees are expected to approve the 3.4 percent raise in their versions of the annual defense authorization bill. Only a legislative battle to block or reduce the 3.4 percent raise could threaten it and that appears unlikely.

Sen. Carl Levin, the Senate Armed Services Committee chairman indicated that support for troops,

their families, and veterans is so strong at this time that he does not see any way Congress could stick with the more modest 2.9 percent raise proposed by the administration. Levin and Sen. John McCain, the committee's ranking Republican, jointly signed a letter on defense budget recommendations that endorses the 3.4 percent military raise. The chairman and ranking Republican of the House of Representative's Armed Services Committee, Rep. Ike Skelton and Rep. John McHugh respectively, also signed a similar budget recommendation.

If approved, the 3.4 percent raise would mark the 11th consecutive year that Congress has put in place a pay raise large enough to continue closing the gap between average military and private-sector pay. That pay gap, once as large as 13.5 percent, has been narrowed down to 2.9 percent based on a decade of military raises slightly higher than the average private-sector increases.

Both the House and Senate are expected to begin work on their respective versions of the 2010 defense authorization bill in June so that final versions are ready in the fall.

One open question however, is whether the House and Senate committees will have a specific vote on the bigger pay raise or just include it in the original budget.

Sen. Levin indicated that support for the troops goes beyond the January 2010 raise. Asked if he would consider cuts in military benefits as a way to hold down future defense costs, he said that would be the last place he would look for reductions because support for service members is so strong in Congress and with the American public.

Years of Service	CWO2	CWO3	CWO4
8	4,002.90	4,254.00	4,695.00
10	4,155.30	4,571.10	4,893.00
12	4,305.90	4,730.10	5,191.80
14	4,489.50	4,892.70	5,453.40
16	4,633.20	5,070.90	5,702.10
18	4,763.40	5,390.40	5,905.50
20	4,918.80	5,606.70	6,104.10
22	5,021.40	5,736.00	6,396.00
24	5,102.70	5,873.40	6,635.40
26	5,102.70	6,060.00	6,909.00

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From the President

Greetings Everyone,

I was caught a bit by surprise when Joanne notified me that she was resigning as Association president effective April 7th but it was in her best interest, and the best interest of the Association, for her to do so at that time as she needs to concentrate on myriad logistical concerns in connection with her upcoming change of duty station. I hope that despite the many demands she has on her time now and after transfer that she will continue to provide me good counsel as Immediate Past President.



Brent A. Light

I certainly enjoyed serving as Joanne's vice president and I wish her the best of luck as she prepares to relocate to Florida.

Speaking of Florida, by the time this issue of the *CWO News* reaches you our 2009 Annual Meeting in Tampa will be in full swing or may have just ended. It promises to be both a fun and busy few days and I thank in advance all the fine work done by the members of Suncoast Chapter who served as host for Annual Meeting on our Association's 80th year of operation. Bravo Zulu folks! Full details of the 2009 Annual Meeting will be included in the June-July issue of *CWO News*.

As I write my first "From the President" column, I find myself immersed in a project that actually began several months ago — making major repairs to our national office (the Barge). The funds necessary to effect the repairs have been approved and we are awaiting approval from CGHQ to crane the Barge out of the water so that the repairs can be done on the street in front of CGHQ. This may be a bit tricky considering the amount of truck traffic that uses 2nd Street on a daily basis to pick up and deliver items at the CGHQ loading docks. It is actually the only option we had left since no area marinas could lift the Barge and the U.S. Park Service, which owns the marina it is docked at, will not permit having the repairs done with the boat in the water. I'm remaining optimistic and I know once completed the Barge will be like brand new. Hopefully, before and after photos of The Barge will be in the next issue.

I send out congratulations to Past President James T. Green who has been elected to again serve as the Association's Vice President. I will certainly rely on his experience and good counsel as I serve as president. I also extend congratulations to Dianne Trawick who will serve as the new VP of Reserve Affairs and to Amy Cerino who will serve as the new Treasurer. At the same time I must thank George Young and Mitzie Robinson for their exceptional work the past four years in those officer positions. I look forward to working with the new officers and continuing to work with Randy Cornell, Bob Lewis and Ed Swift.

Wishing you all the best and I hope to meet many of you during the upcoming year. Semper Paratus!

Brent

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

Sending Mail to “Any Servicemember”

A recent increase in mail addressed to “Any Servicemember” has prompted the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA) to remind the general public not to send mail or care packages addressed in such a manner.

Mail to “Any Servicemember/Any Wounded-Recovering Warrior,” deposited into a collection box and erroneously accepted at a United States Postal Service post office will not be delivered. This restriction applies to all classes and types of mail.

The Defense Department suspended the “Any Servicemember” and “Operation Dear Abby” programs in 2001 following the terrorist attacks. The policy was adopted as a way to bolster force protection.

“Even though these programs may provide an excellent means of support to deployed personnel and wounded-recovering warriors, they also provide an avenue to introduce hate mail and hazardous substances or materials into the mail system,” MPSA officials said.

The Dear Abby program, founded by the newspaper advice columnist, delivered mail to U.S. servicemembers overseas during the holiday season for 25 years. “Any Servicemember” mail grew out of operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Since shortly after the start of recent operations in the Middle East, many grassroots organizations have made sure servicemembers know they’re remembered. Those interested in writing to servicemembers can visit the Defense Department’s Community Relations Website and click the “Citizen Support” link on the right side of the page to find groups that support troops with letters.

Retirement of the 44-Foot Motor Lifeboat

The retirement and decommissioning ceremony for the Coast Guard’s last 44-foot Motor Lifeboat (MLB-44301) will take place May 8th at USCG Station Chatham, MA.

The 44-foot MLB has been one of the most successful boat designs in Coast Guard history. In service for nearly half a century, 44-foot MLBs and their crews saved thousands of lives and millions of dollars in property. The 44-

foot MLB represented the core of heavy weather search and rescue capability to the American boating public for 46 years. Its stalwart presence was always ready for the call when storm-driven seas and surf began to build. With superior structural integrity and seaworthiness, the 44-foot MLB swiftly built a reputation as a boat that safely brought boat crews home in all weather conditions.

Tax Rates Change for Retirees & Annuitants

Retirees and annuitants may see a change in the amount of money they receive May 1st because of a new tax credit. Public Law 111-05, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, was signed into law by President Obama on Feb. 17th. This act authorized a tax credit for most workers including recipients of retired and annuity pay, and will reduce federal withholding tax rates.

The plan reduces federal income taxes up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for couples via smaller tax withholding from their paychecks. Non-working military retirees or survivors are not eligible for the tax reduction yet they are still subject to the reduced withholding in their retired pay or survivor annuities.

The stimulus bill also provides a \$250 payment to those drawing Social Security or VA disability compensation. So if a retiree or survivor draws VA disability or Social Security, he/she will get the \$250 payment on top of the reduced income tax withholding.

A working retiree who also draws Social Security or VA disability compensation will get the \$250 payment and will also have the additional \$400 (\$800 married filing jointly) withheld from BOTH military retired pay AND employer pay.

These new federal tax rates were in place April 1st for the retired and annuity pay due May 1st. The new tables can be found at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1036.pdf. People wanting to adjust their federal tax withholding after this tax credit takes effect must submit a new Form W-4P. This form is available at www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw4p.pdf.

There may be some rude awakenings next year when retirees or survivors discover they’ve been “under-with-



held” and owe an unexpectedly large tax bill on their 2009 taxes. The below examples show how you can protect yourself:

■ ■ Non-working military retirees with Social Security or VA disability compensation will end up having \$400/\$800 (single/married) less withheld from their retirement checks this year, but will still owe that money when they file taxes next year.

Solution: After DFAS executes the new withholding as of May 1st, retirees in this category can ask DFAS to restore the previous, higher withholding amount.

■ ■ Working military retirees who don't receive Social Security or VA disability compensation will have \$400/\$800 less withheld from both their military retired pay and from their employer's pay — a total of \$800/\$1,600 less withheld, which means they'll have to pay \$400/\$800 of that back when they file their 2009 taxes next year (you can only get the tax credit once).

Solution: People who don't want that to happen can ask either DFAS or their employer to restore the original higher withholding amount after May 1st.

■ ■ Working military retirees who receive Social Security or VA disability compensation will get the \$250 payment soon and will also have \$400/\$800 less withheld from both their military retired pay and from their employer's pay — a total of \$800/\$1,600 less withheld. However, the total tax credit they can qualify for will be \$400/\$800. That means they'll end up having to pay back \$650 (single) or \$1,050 (joint filer) of that money when they file their 2009 taxes next year.

Solution: If they don't want that to happen, they should ask DFAS and/or their employer to increase their withholding an extra \$100-\$180/month for the rest of the year so they come out even.



CWOA Treasurer Mitzie Robinson (left) presents an Association Retirement Certificate to CWO2 Gloria East who retired after 26 years of service on 1 May 2009. Gloria is a native of Harrisburg, PA and after a few months of rest her plan is to work in the Community Service field in Pennsylvania. Fair winds and following seas Gloria!

2008 CFO Awards

ALCOAST 159/09 announced the recipients of the 2008 Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Awards for Excellence. These awards recognize personnel who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of financial management, comptrollership, acquisition, procurement, and logistics.

Association member Francisco Rojas of USCG Air Station Borinquen earned the CWO Award.

Demonstrating great initiative, CWO Rojas stepped forward to assume the duties of comptroller in addition to his normal duties as the unit supply officer.

As comptroller, he recognized a shortfall in the unit's

budget and commenced a comprehensive review of the \$6.1-million unit budget to find the necessary savings without disrupting the unit's operational capability. More than meeting his goal, CWO Rojas identified and recouped more than \$136,000 in erroneous power charges, found alternative transportation methods for disposition of excess property resulting in tens of thousands of dollars in savings, and recovered more than a half million dollars in aviation fuel from condemned storage tanks.

Displaying innovative leadership, CWO Rojas restructured and streamlined departmental responsibilities, enabling the department to take on the account management of all unit aviation fuel purchases while still achieving a 99 percent spend down rate and 100 percent accountability and documentation for all unit property.

Congratulations Francisco!

New TRICARE Reserve Select Flyer

A new TRICARE Reserve Select informational flyer has been published. To view the flyer visit: www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart/product.aspx?id=417&s=reserve+select+fly.

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In Honon of Guardian Jerry Avant

You may have heard of the heroism of former Coast Guardsman Jerry Avant at the tragic nursing home shootings on March 29th. A nurse at the facility, he was one of eight people killed during the shooting at Pinelake Health and Rehab, an LTC facility in Carthage, NC. Doctors said that Avant was shot more than two dozen times that morning while trying to shield others from a gunman at the nursing home.

There was great Coast Guard representation at his funeral and the below condolence letter was sent to his family and read at the service:

To the Avant Family,

I was deeply saddened to hear of Jerry's death. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on behalf of my wife, Pam, and the entire Coast Guard family. There are no words to ease the pain of losing a family member, but I want you to know how much we appreciated Jerry's contributions to our Service.

He was a model Coast Guardsman who served with distinction as an Avionics Technician for nearly 10 years. His compassion for people was highly regarded within the Coast Guard and during his subsequent career in the medical profession. He dedicated his life to helping those less fortunate and to protecting his patients from the physical and emotional pain wrought by chronic illness. In the Coast Guard, we call this type of person a Guardian - one who is willing to protect the weak, defend the frail, and save those in peril. On that fateful day, he was a true hero as he willingly sacrificed his own life so that others may live. As a son, fiancé, and sibling, he will be dearly missed but his courage will continue to remind us of the goodwill that resides in all of us. We will honor his legacy by aspiring to the ideals that Jerry lived by - those of a Guardian.

Be assured that the men and women of the Coast Guard have your family in our thoughts during this difficult time.

With Deepest Sympathy,

T. W. Allen

Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard



DC Chapter President Mark Piontek has the side of the van loaded...



...while CWO Eric Thomas shows that he's got the rear of the van loaded too.

Washington DC Chapter Canned Food Drive

The CWOA Washington DC Chapter held a six-week Canned Food Drive at CG Headquarters and the CG Personnel Command which concluded on March 13th. The drive was designed to collect donated and chapter-purchased non-perishable food stuffs for two charities in the District of Columbia. These organizations -- S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat) and Martha's Table -- offer assistance to needy families, run their own Soup Kitchens, and have before & after school programs for at-risk youths, as well as provide meals to under-privileged shut-ins. The charities provide these humanitarian services based solely on donated funds, goods, and volunteer help. The DC Chapter was able to gather and deliver, more than 700 pounds of non-perishable food items as well as some food preparation and personal hygiene items. "Bravo Zulu" to all the Warrants (and Mrs. Alice Piontek) who helped make this charitable effort such a success in helping those who help others.

CWO Mark Piontek



Just some of the items collected during the Washington DC Chapter canned food drive.

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Survivor Class

After risking life and limb throughout the first night, CWOPD Class 03-09 turned it up a notch in the most perilous location on the planet — the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Each week the class struggled to stay alive in the harshest of conditions. The class had the advantage of a trusty multi-pen/pencil set, but had to lug around 23 pounds of notebooks and manuals at all times to document their adventure. With no beverages made from malted grain, because the “O-Club” was closed, and sometimes no food or heat to sustain themselves; the most unappetizing vending machine foods became gourmet meals. CWOPD Class 03-09 had to use their wit and improvise to get out alive.

Week 1: The class embarked on a treacherous trek from Munro Hall to Yeaton Hall. Yeaton Hall is where the class would encounter the formidable CWOPD facility for the first time. After a brief introduction and “quick” in-brief, the class would again maneuver the dark corridors of Yeaton Hall where they met with Computer Survival Specialist, Mr. Tim Bulger, Mr. Tim Bulger, I repeat, Mr. Tim Bulger. Mr. Bulger provided the necessary survival tools which would allow the class to safely navigate the Coast Guard computer network over the next three weeks. With no injuries, the class changed into PT gear and head-

ed off to the gym to take on the “low ropes”. While nervously awaiting the daunting low rope challenge, the class participated in group hugs and rubber track sing-a-longs. Fortunately, the intimidating low ropes never showed up. Week One would prove to be difficult with exhaustive survival studies in Conflict Management, Officer Evaluations, Management Improvement, Written Communication and Health and Well Being. Lucky for the class, Dr. Roberts took pity and provided the class with trail nourishment composed of cocoa beans and vegetable shortening.

Week 2: Week Two was no less challenging. With a daunting work load, the class jumped into action by providing brain and brawn to a local shelter and scout camp on President’s Day. Our time was worthy, rewarding and fun! With our training picking up, the class settled into a series of studies consisting of History Briefs, Military Etiquette, Ethical Behavior, Wardroom Traditions and various presentations on CG legal policy. With seven CGIS agents in the class, the lawyers (aka - the “Freakin’ Prince of Darkness”), CDR Gill and LCDR Cavallaro had their hands full.

Week 3: “Next and final slide please.” All of our assignments were done and the final presentations were on deck. Our only obstacle was our final destiny with the



Members of CWOPD Class 03-09

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“high ropes”. As the week closed, we completed our presentations and were looking forward to Sword Etiquette, a presentation by Captain Kelly, a Capstone discussion panel and graduation to look forward to. Under Arms, CWO Jim Todd took command of the Sword Etiquette class. As we finished saber rattling, “slow and steady,” as to not end



(Left) CWOPD 03-09's Team A have some fun following their community service work at a Women's Shelter in the New London area.

Distinguished Officer, sponsored by the CWOA.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Captain Kelly, Lt Adcock, CWO4 Riedel and CWO3 Fitchett. Additionally, we would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Dr. Roberts. The CWOPD mission may not be glitzy, but your wisdom and knowl-

edge will remain with us throughout our careers.

Semper Paratus, CWOPD Class 03-09

New York Reunion

All Coast Guard personnel who served at any of the below duty stations are invited to attend a reunion Sept. 18-20, 2009 in Sackets Harbor, NY:

Shore Units: Stations Erie, Fort Niagra, Rochester, Sodus Point, Oswego, Salmon Creek, Big Sandy, Galloo Island, Sackets Harbor, Clayton, and Alexandria Bay. Bases Buffalo and Burlington, Cape Vincent Light Attendant Station, MSD Massena, ATON Saugerties, Reserve Unit Buffalo/Syracuse, and LORSTA Seneca.

up at medical, we headed over to Yeaton to discuss the role of the CWO with Captain Kelly. This was a great highlight as Captain Kelly provided a no-nonsense approach to what we would soon face and what would be expected of us. The final assignment was discussing various situations we might face with a senior panel of officers headed by CDR O'Connell, LCDR Stinson and CWO4 Palmer. This proved to be a dynamic discussion drawing on years of experience and comprised of many different leadership styles. Finally, CWOPD was free! Well, almost. CWOPD 03-09 had the good fortune to help some great folks who we met earlier in the course. The local shelter liked what we did so much, they asked us back. With the same gusto as day one, CWOPD stepped up and headed out the door at 1730. After a couple hours, the shelter looked like a new home with new furniture and would provide a home for eight families! How good is that!

Three overachievers took home awards. CWO James Lunsford received the CWOPD Physical Fitness Award sponsored by Long Island Sound Chapter. CWO Anthony Webb earned the Foundation for Coast Guard History Academic Award with a 101.2 overall average. (Impressive!) CWO Steve Creech was voted by his shipmates as the class

Pacific Northwest Chapter

Members of the CWOA Pacific Northwest Chapter took a lead role in the annual Veterans' Day ceremony at the Cle Elum, WA cemetery.



(Above) Members of the Cle Elum, Washington VFW post at the Douglas Munro Memorial. (Left) CWO Rich Dawson and CWO Wayne Zuehls present a wreath at the Munro gravesite.

Floating Units: USCGC's *Cherry, Maple, Ojibwa, White Lupine, Buckthorn, Arundel, Point Steele, Wire* and *Chockberry*. CG's 83359, 55030, 45305, 49414, 45308, and 49404.

Contact is **Gordon Koscher** at 4712 Glenwood Dr., Mantua, Ohio 44255. Ph: 330-274-2927.

Bering Sea Patrol Reunion

Members of the Bering Sea Patrol-Alaska Veterans Association will hold their 2009 reunion Sept. 13-17, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hotel Circle in San Diego, CA. Reservations can be made by calling 800-882-0858. Contact: **Randy Fitschen** at 30690 Smithson Valley Rd., Bulverde, TX 78163. Ph: 830-438-3829. Email: ranjean@gvtc.com.

Recent CG Unit Changes

On February 9th the C4IT Service Center stood up. Its director is Mr. M.T. Powell. On February 13th the Personnel Service Center in Topeka, KS, was renamed Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center and it officially stood up on March 16th, commanded by RDML Daniel A. Neptun.

Tom's Run 2009

The annual Tom's Run, a 200-mile team-building fitness event, will be held May 28-30, starting in Cumberland, MD and ending at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. The event is held in memory of CWO4 Tom Brooks, a Coast Guard officer known for getting his shipmates out of their chairs and exercising outside. The event is not a race; it is a relay run with bicycle escort along the beautiful C&O Canal. There will be a pre-event dinner on Thursday night, May 28th. The relay begins after midnight and the goal is to have all teams finish together at 1100 on Saturday, May 30th.

All Coast Guard CWOs are encouraged to participate in the event, either as a relay participant or as a volunteer.

About 10 people are needed to help out with recording start and finish times and setting up the banquet at the end.

This is a great opportunity for the warrant corps to show its support in memory of one of our own. For more information, contact me at 202-475-5217 or the event coordinator, Roger Butturini at Roger.K.Butturini@uscg.mil. You can also get information, course map, and a team application by going to: www.tomsrunrelay.org.

CWO Jason Briggs

New Master Cutterman Named

CWO Randy Salenski, main propulsion assistant aboard *CGC Alex Haley*, recently received the title of Master Cutterman during ceremonies at USCG Base Kodiak. The award is a one-time recognition of service signed by the Coast Guard Commandant.

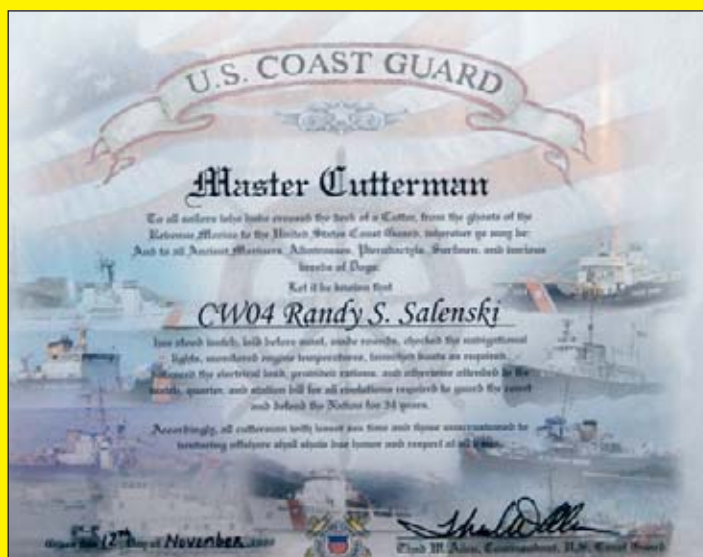
Salenski's 36-year military career has included more than 25 years of sea service aboard the Coast Guard cutters *Sledge, Ojibwa, Resolute, Alert, Planetree, Woodrush, Firebush, Maple* and *Alex Haley*. He has also served at LORSTA St. Paul, AK; Station Buffalo, NY, Group Buffalo, and USCG TraCen Cape May, NJ.

Salenski becomes the 12th recipient of the Master Cutterman certificate. Continuing the tradition,

Randy, one of his two sons, is already getting some sea duty on the *USCGC Hickory*.

(Above) CWO Randy Salenski aboard the *CGC Alex Haley* with his son, MK2 Randy Salenski.

(Below) CWO Salenski's Master Cutterman certificate.



Retirements

Fair winds and following seas are extended to CWO4 David H. Dillard who retired April 1st and to CWO3 David W. Craddock, CWO2 Gloria A. East, CWO3

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Wesley R. Parker, and CWO4 Kenneth A. Vanek who retired May 1st.

Donations

Thanks are extended for the following donations:

•• **Mr. William Maroulis**, a social member of Norfolk Chapter, for his contribution to the Scholarship Fund.

•• **CWO4 Joseph F. Croghan, USCG (Ret.)** for his contribution to the Scholarship Fund in memory of CAPT Jack Leatherwoon, USCG (Ret.) and CDR Phil Akau, USCG (Ret.).

Veterans Data Theft Settlement

Subject to final court approval, a nationwide class-action settlement has been reached with the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, the Deputy Secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and an employee of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs in their official capacities stemming from the theft of computer equipment which was reported to contain personal information of veterans, spouses of veterans, and military personnel.

On May 3, 2006 computer equipment was stolen from the home of a Dept. of Veterans Affairs employee. The equipment was reported to contain identifying information including names, SSNs, and dates of birth for up to 17.5-million veterans, spouses of veterans, and military personnel, as well as some disability ratings.

The data did not include any health record of financial information. The equipment was later recovered by the FBI whose review indicated that the data had not been accessed.

A \$20-million settlement fund will be established to reimburse people for actual damages incurred as a direct result of the theft. Actual damages include out-of-pocket expenses such as the purchase of credit monitoring to protect against identity loss, or the result of physical symptoms of severe emotional distress.

To ask for a payment you must complete and submit a claim form which is available by calling 1-888-288-9625 or at the website: www.VeteransClass.com.

Completed claim forms must be postmarked no later than Nov. 27, 2009.

Out-of-pocket claims will be paid the actual cost up to \$1,500 and the minimum payment for each valid claim will be \$75.

CWO Reilly Earns ROA's Novosel Award

Chief Warrant Officer Michael T. Reilly, and Association member, is the recipient of the ROA Novosel Award. Sponsored by the ROA Warrant Officers Committee, the Novosel Award recognizes the achievements and dedicated service of warrant officers. Though the award was established eight years ago, this is the first year Coast Guard Reserve warrant officers competed.

Reilly is the first non-U.S. Army and first Coast Guard recipient of this award. As the Senior Reserve Special Agent in Coast Guard Investigative Services (CGIS), Reilly routinely interacts with senior CGIS officials and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. He is a deputy fire chief in the Operations Bureau of the Fairfax County, Va. Fire and Rescue Department. Reilly serves on the Virginia Fire Services Board and is a member of the U.S. Urban Search and Rescue Team.

The ROA Novosel Award is named in honor of CW4 Michael J. Novosel. On Oct. 2, 1969, he rescued 29 men in South Vietnam while serving as an Army warrant officer

PNW Chapter Coin

Orders are now being taken for the new Pacific Northwest Chapter, CWOA Coins. Cost is \$10 each (shipping & handling included). Send checks or money orders made out to "Pacific Northwest Chapter, CWOA" to CWO Rich Dawson at ESU Seattle, 1519 Alaskan Way South, Seattle, WA 98134. For more information, contact Rich at 206-217-6589 or Email: Richard.E.Dawson@uscg.mil.



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aviator, flying medevac missions. For his heroic actions, he received the Congressional Medal of Honor. He also helped evacuate 5,589 wounded soldiers during the Vietnam War. When he retired in 1985, Novosel had served over 42 years as a military aviator. Novosel wrote "Dust Off, Memoir of an Army Aviator" before his passing on April 3, 2006.



CWO Michael T. Reilly, left, receives the Novosel Award from ADM Thad Allen at the Coast Guard Reception during ROA Mid-Winter Conference in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Mr. Eric Minton, ROA)

"It was an honor to be nominated and even more so to win this award," said Reilly. "I have pretty big shoes to fill to represent those types of qualities portrayed by CWO Novosel."

Reilly was presented with the award by ADM Thad Allen at the ROA Mid-Winter Conference Coast Guard Reception in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2nd.

A Day's Duty and Being a Small Part of History

What an INCREDIBLE event and day — Jan. 20, 2009! It began for me at 11:30 p.m. the night before when I left for Headquarters because we had to be on board around midnight. Things would not wrap up until the next night at around 9 p.m. Nevertheless, Inauguration Day was a spectacular event, even though "Murphy" (of Murphy's Law fame) visited frequently.

I witnessed the peaceful closure of one administration and the joyous transition to the hopeful anticipation of a brand new era. I pray that all goes smoothly and well for the team. We were in the parade cordon, on the line from 1345-1700 or so. It was cold, yet sunny most of the time. I could have taken a break, but did not because I didn't want to miss the part of the



GOOD!

One very memorable incident did occur while on duty. While standing at parade rest "on the line" in the early morning hours, I glanced to my left to be certain of our alignment and noted a fallen comrade. One of the young Marines had "gone to ground" as we would say in the ER. The medics were not in the local area, so being a CWO4 (MED) and civilian registered nurse, I responded to find him awake, responsive, and without obvious injury. However, he was cool, clammy, diaphoretic and pale.

Immediately, I asked him about any medical history (which he denied), yet found out that he had not eaten the breakfast provided at Andrews AFB, was cold, had not rested well the night before, and he was very dry (dehydrated). He was offered water immediately and a banana to bring up his blood sugar, and by then he was feeling better and replied, "just want to get back to my post, ma'am." Of course,

CWO4 Lisa Evers, center, marches into position in front of the White House, Jan. 20th, as part of the cordon for the inaugural parade. (Photo by YN2 Dana Kee, USCGR)

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we redirected him to the medical tent, as soon as the medics arrived, to get a closer eval, fluids, food, rest and warmth. He was able to leave under his own power, refusing the stretcher and in “Semper Fi fashion” was back “on the line” (this time, to my right) in the street cordon for the afternoon events. I was so pleased that he was able to fulfill the mission to which we were all assigned that day.

Of course, once the parade ended, our bus had significant challenges leaving the District due to traffic closures and traffic flow. At that point, it didn't matter — I was blessed with a well-deserved nap during that time.

Yes, we put in some long hours, put up with that “hurry up and wait” mentality, and cold conditions. However, being together with all the other branches of our military, and then being so close to see the new President and his wife, Michelle, while they were walking unexpectedly beyond the reviewing stand at the White House (within 10-15 feet of my post), made it all worthwhile. It felt AMAZING to be even a small part of history.

CWO4 Lisa Evers, USCGR

A Career Highlight

I wanted to be in D.C. for Inauguration Day but I didn't want to deal with crowds and trying to get a good view of the festivities. So when military volunteers were solicited, I didn't hesitate. I was chosen as a primary member of the parade cordon and assigned to the White House section. This is a joint military cordon that lines Pennsylvania Avenue between the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

I tried to prepare myself for a long and cold day. Nine days before Inauguration Day, we had a dress rehearsal so we would know what was going to happen when, and whom we would be standing near. It is always a pleasure for me to be with the other services, and being a joint military event, all the services were represented.

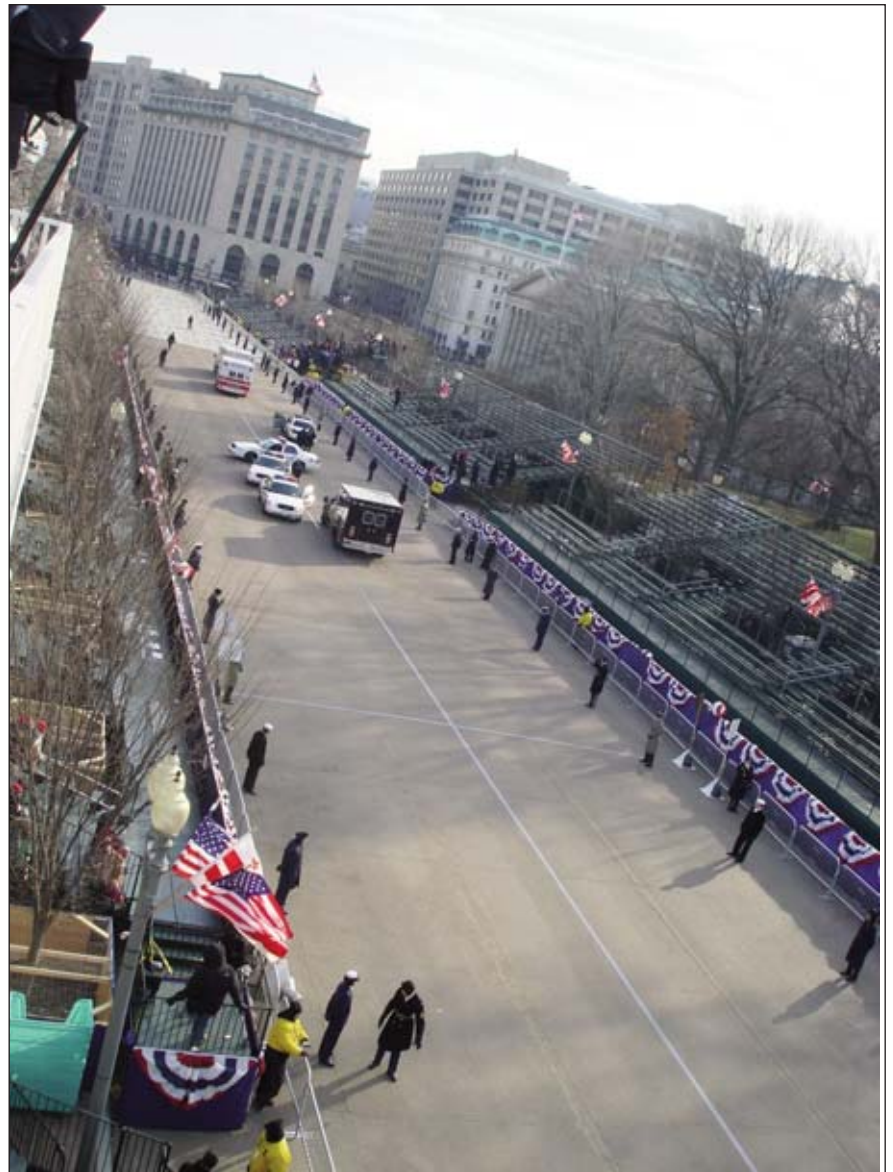
On Inauguration Day, all Coast Guard volunteers met at Coast Guard Headquarters and boarded buses for Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland at 2 a.m. We arrived at Andrews for a Secret Service screening, hot breakfast, final briefing and credentials, and as with most military events — hurry up and wait. I don't do well

with that part of events like this — never have, never will.

Nevertheless, we finally boarded our buses and headed to D.C. with a police escort. It was a very exciting day. My place on the parade route near the White House allowed me a great view of outgoing President George Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, and incoming President Barack Obama and Vice President Joseph Biden. My parents, who live in Harrisburg, Pa., were also able to see me on TV. After the parade, we headed back to Coast Guard Headquarters by bus, arriving at 6:30 p.m.

Did I mention the cold? Well it really didn't matter — what a great day to be in the Coast Guard and to be a part of history. I retire from the Coast Guard May 1, 2009 after 26 years of service. Volunteering for this event was truly one of the highlights of my Coast Guard career.

CWO2 Gloria East, USCG



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.**

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Blue Ballcap



Polo Shirt

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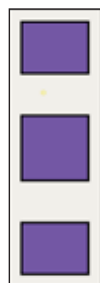
LAPEL PIN: Round 3/4" 4-color metal of CW&WOA logo. **\$4.00**

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

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



Sword Plaque



*(Left)
Design
used on
Bumper
Sticker*



*(Left)
White
Ballcap*



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



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CWOA Merchandise Order Form

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
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Lapel Pin	_____		_____	_____
Decal	_____		_____	_____
Bumper Sticker	_____		_____	_____

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New Members

Welcome aboard wishes to the following new CWOA members:



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CWO3 (F&S) Vincent W. Bowman, USCG	USCG Aviation Logistics Cmd.	F&S4 Richard Waechter

Membership News

New 50-Year Members

Congratulations to **CWO3 Giles M. Bailey, Jr., LT William C. Bart, and CWO4 Richard B. Robinson** who become 50-Year CWOA Members on 1 April 2009.

Congratulations to **CWO4 Robert L. Hood and CWO4 George V. Stauffer, DM**, who became 50-Year CWOA Members on 1 May 2009.

New 25-Year Members

Congratulations to **CWO4 Robert A. Fleming, CWO3 Joseph J. Loiseau, and CWO4 Garry L. Weber** who become 25-Year CWOA Members on 1 April 2009.

Congratulations to **CWO3 Paul A. Benner** who become a 25-Year CWOA Member on 1 May 2009.

Crossed the Bar

CWO4 (BOSN) Roy B. Bateman, USCG (Retired) died on 22 February 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Elaine I. Hillers of 3309 Old Kirkwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-5925. CWO4 Bateman was born on 4 January 1921 and retired on 4 January 1981. He was a member of the Association 44 years.

CWO3 (CHBOSN) Kenneth W. Capel, USCG (Retired) died on 5 February 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen A. Capel of 403 Western Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930. CWO3 Capel was born on 4 November 1924 and retired on 1 May 1969. He was a member of the Association 47 years.

CWO3 (F&S) James B. Farmer, USCG (Retired) died on 24 February 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dixon N. Farmer of 7112 S Villanova, St Louis, MO 63123. CWO3 Farmer was born on 2 March 1943 and retired on 1 May 1989. He was a member of the Association 24 years.

CWO3 (F&S) John C. Wimbrow, USCG (Retired) died on 26 February 2009. He is survived by his son, Mr. Jay C. Wimbrow of 8946 Evans Road, Berlin, MD 21811-2830. CWO3 Wimbrow was born on 1 September 1931 and retired on 1 December 1973. He was a member of the Association 42 years.

CWO3 (BOSN) Donald E. Schwarz, USCG (Retired) died on 23 March 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Carolyn J. Schwartz of 3347 Shadywood Drive, Lambertville, MI 48144-9620. CWO3 Schwarz was born on 14 February 1926 and retired on 1 June 1971. He was a member of the Association 43 years.

CWO4 (ENG) Horace T. Piver, USCG (Retired) died on 31 March 2009. He is survived by his daughter, Ms. Dianna Joy Key of 2627 River Oaks Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23321. CWO4 Piver was born on 15 July 1927 and retired on 1 June 1977. He was a member of the Association 48 years.

LCDR Milton D. Moore, USCG (Retired) died on 1 April 2009. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sheila M. Moore of 3306 Nebraska Avenue, Omaha, NE 68111. LCDR Moore was born on 15 October 1940 and retired on 1 December 1983. He was a member of the Association 35 years.

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