



# Sun Coast Chapter Chief Warrant Officers Assn

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The September meeting of the Suncoast Chapter of the CWOA was held at 0900 Tuesday September 15, 2009 in the dining facility of CGAS Clearwater Florida. The following attended

CWO4 David Daniels, ret	CWO4 Carl Seale, ret
CWO4 Ben Hogan, ret	CWO4 Bill Reetz, ret
CWO4 Jim Patton, ret	CWO4 Irving Velez (guest)
CWO4 Henry Olsen (guest)	CWO4 Kenneth Rickard (guest)
CWO3 Hazel Wilbanks (guest)	CWO3 Scott Vriesman (guest)
CWO2 Edwin Ramirez (guest)	CWO2 John Williams (guest)
CWO2 Jeff Timberlake (guest)	CWO2 Mike Tomasi (guest)
CWO2 Mike Poplars (guest)	CWO2 Tim Nash (guest)

President Bill Reetz called the meeting to order at 0900 with the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those that have passed over the bar. There being no minutes from the previous meeting a report was forwarded from our treasurer that the current balance is \$890.06.

President Bill Reetz gave a brief rundown on our activities for the past year, December donations to the Toys For Tots campaign, January participating in the CGC Blackthorn Memorial Ceremony, sponsoring the hospitality suite at the annual meeting held in Tampa April 29 through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Provided all attendees with a printout of the bylaws pages concerning the CWO John A Keller Scholarship Program and a brief history of the Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship program. Jeff Timberlake provided some additional background on the post 9/11 GI bill and the process of transferring your benefits to both your spouse and children. A discussion of additional charitable endeavors was held with a suggestion buy Hazel Wilbanks that we assist in the toy collection the Air Station has collecting toys for the children on Great Igagua Island, Bahamas

“**Great Inagua** is the third largest island in [The Bahamas](#) at 596 sq mi (1544 km<sup>2</sup>) and lies about 55 miles (90 km) from the eastern tip of [Cuba](#). The island is about 55 x 19 miles (90 x 30 km) in extent, the highest point being 108 ft (33 m) on East Hill. It encloses several lakes, most notably the 12-mile (19 km) long Lake Windsor (also called Lake Rosa) which occupies nearly 1/4 of the interior. The population of Great Inagua is 969 (2000 census).”



It was unanimously approved. Additional details will be provided as the holiday season approaches. Anyone living outside the Tampa St Pete Clearwater area that will not be able to make a donation in person that desires to participate may forward a gift card or check to me at the above address and I will obtain toys for donation in your name to the campaign, or if you can get to the October or November social meetings I will take toys then also.

The next business meeting will be held at 0930 in the wardroom or Red Tail Lounge at CGAS Clearwater on Tuesday January 12, 2010.

A social meeting/dinner will be held on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Park Café, (727) 546-3600, 8180 49th St, Pinellas Park, FL 33781. This restaurant is North of Park Boulevard (Gandy) on 49<sup>th</sup> Street on the west side of the street, there is a traffic light at the intersection and it's located right next to a car wash. For future reference a social luncheon is being planned for the November meeting on Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup> at Spring Hill Diner, 3385 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill Florida, 352-684-3933. NOTE: GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SOCIAL MEETINGS.

Bill Reetz

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?' Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc : 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'" The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'