



# Sun Coast Chapter Chief Warrant Officers Assn

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The October meeting of the Suncoast Chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association was held at Parkside Cafe in Pinellas Park on Monday the 19th of October 2009.

The following members attended:

David and Pat Daniels Bill and Carol Reetz Jim Patton

Since this was social meeting no minutes were kept or official business transacted.

It is time to pay dues once again, my records indicate the following members dues will expire at the end of December this year (if you feel this is incorrect please let me know). As always the dues are \$5 per year payable to "Suncoast Chapter CWOA" mailed to the above address.

CWO3 Bill Ball	CWO4 Don Brauer	CWO4 Basil V Burrell
CWO2 Douglas R Cameron	CWO4 David T. Daniels DM	LT Thomas Gledhill
CWO4 William J Gural	CWO4 Bill Held	CWO4 Robert G. Kirkpatrick
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CWO4 Bruce Moyster	CWO4 Jim Patton	CWO2 Richard Pierce
LCDR Stan Porter	CWO4 Ray Pullen	CWO4 Leroy Rathbun
CWO2 William E. Roesink	CWO3 Norman A Rogers	CWO4 Gerald Schambeau
CWO4 Brian "Bubba" Shine	CWO3 Robert Simpson	CWO4 Walter Stanczyk
CWO4 Dave Stonebrook	LCDR Charles Studstill	CWO2 Jerry Szuminski
CWO4 Oke Thongren Jr	CWO3 Joe Whalen	

Our next meeting will also be a social meeting/luncheon on Veterans Day November 11<sup>th</sup> at Spring Hill Diner, 7385 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill Florida, 352-684-3933. Turn onto Spring Hill Drive from US19 (South of US50 – Brooksville/Weeki Wachee) go East for 2.2 miles make a U turn at Port Court and the Diner will be on your right (North Side of Spring Hill Drive)

NOTE: GUESTS ARE WELCOME AT ALL SOCIAL MEETINGS.

I have not been able to get a firm date on when the gifts for the CGAS/Island toy distribution I wrote about last month must be turned in. Anyone who is attending this month and wants to bring their donation to the luncheon I will be glad to see they are delivered in time.

I have checked with the cooks (sorry Food Service Specialists') at both the Air Station and the Sector (Group) but none of them are doing any catering. I am looking into getting the Red Tail Lounge for an evening get together in mid December and having it catered by either Boston Market, Cracker Barrel or Bob Evans. The dinner from Boston Market will run about \$12 per person, haven't gotten prices from the others yet. I will suggest to the board members that we provide the soft drinks, tea and coffee plus the dinner for a guest speaker and wife. More in next months newsletter.



CWO4 Betty Splaine passed away Friday October 30, 2009. In 1958 Betty became the first woman to ever be promoted to the rank of warrant officer in the Coast Guard. Betty enlisted as a SPAR in 1943 and following the demobilization after WWII she was the first SPAR to reenlist. Service Monday, 2 Nov 2009, 1030, St. Mary's Catholic Church, 310 S. Royal St. Alexandria, VA Interment Arlington national Cemetery. 13 Jan 2010 at 1500

Bill Reetz  
President

This Months Joke:

### **The Italian Bank Robber...**

A hooded armed robber bursts into the Bank of Italy and forces the tellers to load a sack full of cash. On his way out the door with the loot, one brave Italian customer grabs the hood and pulls it off revealing the robber's face. The robber shoots the guy in the head without hesitation!

He then looks around the bank to see if anyone else has seen him. One of the tellers is looking straight at him. The robber walks over and calmly shoots him in the head. Everyone by now is very scared and looking down at the floor.

"Dida anyone elsa see a my face?" calls the robber.

There follows a tense silence. Then an elderly Italian gent, looking down, tentatively raises his hand and says: "I tink a my wifa may have caughta glimpse"