



Sun Coast Chapter Chief Warrant Officers Assn

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The January meeting of the Suncoast Chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association was held at Coast Guard Air Station, Clearwater on Monday the 19th of January 2009.

The following members attended:

David and Pat Daniels	Ben Hogan
Stan and Peggy Porter	Bill and Carol Reetz
Charles and Marguarite Studsil	John Trombitas

The 50/50 raffle was held with a total donation of \$10, winning ticket was held by Peggy Porter who donated her share of the proceeds back to the club. Thanks Peggy.

President Bill Reetz called the business meeting to order at 2000 with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those who have passed over the bar. The treasurer reports a current balance of \$1468.07. Having no committee reports or minutes from the previous meeting to approve we proceeded directly to the Presidents report.

The wreath for the Blackthorn Memorial Ceremony has been purchased and will be picked up the morning of the ceremony (\$85.60). The next item was the funeral of Don Call which was attended by both Bill, Ben and Dot Hogan and David Daniels. Don was about 2 months short of reaching the magic 100! After the ceremony at the funeral home the Coast Guard provided a 2 person honor guard at the cemetery who folded the flag from the casket and played taps. The chapter did purchase a floral arrangement for Don's funeral which was approved by a majority of the members via email. The cost of this was about what we would have spent on a birthday celebration for his 100th. What I'm saying is I did not want to establish a policy of providing flowers for every funeral. However we will help celebrate the occasion of any member who reaches that magic age of 100! The plans for the April meeting are continuing, I have been in contact with the Board of Directors regarding chartering a bus to take everyone from the hotel

to the CGC Blackthorn Memorial. I have met with the Sector (Group) Chaplain who will be available for a brief ceremony when we will present another wreath. Tentative timing is for the meeting to recess at 1400 Thursday afternoon and proceed to the monument. I am going to be meeting with the Air Station CO to see if we can obtain a USCG flag and stand for the meeting and borrow a printer for use during the meeting (thus saving the Association the cost of either renting one or shipping one from DC). The hospitality room is normally open during the lunch recess each day, and after the meeting ends for the day until midnight or the last group leave. I would like a couple of volunteers to help with insuring the room is stocked with ice, cold drinks, snacks etc each day.

There being no pending old business and having no new business the meeting was adjourned at 2035.

The next meeting will be held at The Ranch House Grill, 4426 W. Gandy Blvd, Tampa, FL. Phone (813) 831-9759 at 1900 (7:00 pm) on Monday February 16, 2009 . It's about a mile from the East end of the Gandy Bridge between the 1st traffic light (Westshore) and the 2nd (Manhattan) on the South side of the street (right next to Hooters).

Bill Reetz

This months joke (not politically correct but I thought it was funny!):

In The South West

Two old Jewish men, Sid and Al, are sitting in a Mexican restaurant in Los Angeles. So Sid asks Al, 'Do you know of any people of our faith born and raised in Mexico?' 'Al replies, 'I don't know, let's ask our waiter.

When the waiter arrives, Al asks, 'Are there any Mexican Jews?' The waiter says, 'I don't know senior, I ask the cooks.' He returns from the kitchen after a bit and says, 'No señor, the cook say no Mexican Jews.

'Al isn't satisfied and asks, 'Are you absolutely sure?' The waiter, realizing he is dealing with 'Gringos' replies, 'I check once again, senior!' While the waiter is away, Sid says, 'I find it hard to believe that there are no Jews in Mexico. Our people are scattered everywhere.

'The waiter returns and says, 'Senor, the head cook Tom say there is no Mexican Jews. 'Are you certain?' Al asks again. 'I just can't believe there are no Mexican Jews!

'SEÑOR, I ask EVERYONE,' replies the exasperated waiter, 'All we have is Orange Jews, Grape Jews, Prune Jews, and Tomato Jews...."