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From: Chairman, Membership Committee
To: President

Subj: Report on Nominees for Distinguished Membership

1. To date, two nominations for consideration of Distinguished Member have been received by the Association. These nominations were submitted in accordance with, and prior to, the deadline outlined in the Association By-Laws.
2. Nominee: CWO4 (F&S) Richard G. "Ric" Waechter, USCG (Ret.). The Association records have been reviewed in connection with the nomination for Distinguished Membership as required by Article II, Section 2(b) of the Association By-Laws. CWO4 Richard G. Waechter joined the Association on 9/1/1981 and is a member in good standing. He has been nominated by CDR Charles A. Teaney, USCG (Ret.) and LT Mark A. Blaesi, USCG of Cape Island Chapter. Both are Association members in good standing.
3. Nominee: CWO4 (CHMACH) Arthur N. Colona, USCG (Ret.). The Association records have been reviewed in connection with the nomination for Distinguished Membership as required by Article II, Section 2(b) of the Association By-Laws. CWO4 Arthur N. Colona joined the Association on 9/1/1949 and is a member in good standing. He has been nominated by CWO4 (F&S) Keith M. Wakefield, USCG (Ret.) of Baltimore Chapter. He is an Association member in good standing.

Douglas W. Van Oort
Vice President

Encl: (1) Letter nomination from CDR Charles A. Teaney, USCG (Ret.) and LT Mark A. Blaesi, USCG to the Association, dated January 1, 2007.

(2) Letter nomination from CWO4 Keith M. Wakefield, USCG (Ret.) to the President, dated January 5, 2007.

THE BALTIMORE CLUB
CHIEF WARRANT AND WARRANT OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION
United States Coast Guard



January 5, 2006

President
Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Assn., USCG
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Dear CWO J.T. Green:

I hereby nominate CWO (CHMACH) Arthur N. Colona, USCG to be a Distinguished Member of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, USCG.

Upon his appointment to CWO, CWO Colona immediately became a strong and vocal supporter of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer Association. While stationed in Long Beach, California, CWO Colona joined with a group of fellow Warrants to organize and seek a Charter for the Southern California Club of the Association. The Club was chartered by the Association on 15 June 1962. From the chartering until his relocation to Delaware in 1989, CWO Colona was an active member of the Southern California Club heading a number of committees.

After moving to Delaware in 1989, CWO Colona sought out a Club to continue his involvement in the Association. As the Baltimore club was the closest to his new home, Art signed up and was soon a valuable member of the Baltimore Area CWOA.

Although CWO Colona lived over 80 miles from the Coast Guard Yard he regularly attended monthly meetings and Club activities. Art also traveled, at his own expense, to Association Annual Meetings. Since 1990, Art did not miss a single Annual Meeting.

As evidence of his devotion to the Association and its Ideals and Traditions, CWO Colona decided to make a very special gift to his fellow Warrants. In 2004, Art worked with the Association's Board of Directors to establish a new scholarship fund. The new Scholarship will be funded by a grant from Art's estate after he crosses the Bar. Depending on several variables, the newly established Arthur N. and Eleanor K. Colona Scholarship will receive initial funding of \$ 250,000 to \$ 400,000. This generous gift will enable the Association to award several scholarships each year to well deserving spouses and children of Coast Guard enlisted personnel.

Through his devotion to the principles of the Association and his desire to make a lasting contribution to its future and the future of future Coast Guard men and women CWO Colona has proven himself a dedicated member of the Association. His strong support and selfless generosity has certainly earned him the right to be installed as a Distinguished Member of our Association.

Sincerely,



Keith M. Wakefield
President
Baltimore Area Chapter