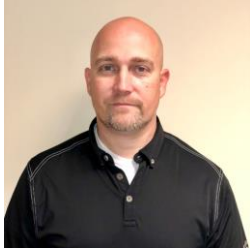


“PASSING THE WORD”



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Greetings Fellow Retirees,

We are leading back into the warm days of summer and as we get there we move into the association's annual meeting. I will be on my way out the door as we welcome new bright minds into the board of directors. I look back on my (nearly) decade of being part of the board of directors and have fond memories of all that has been accomplished along the way. Having been retired for 6 years now, I realize how hard it is to keep up with things happening in the Coast Guard from my hometown in North Carolina. Life keeps going and the newer, more digital generation, continues our mission with many changes. I ask that we all remember that we were once that newer more innovative crew and the hardest thing to manage is change. As a life member, I will continue to give back to our CWOA, but I plan to focus much of my energy more locally in mentoring and helping veterans to get jobs. Please remember that we are quickly moving toward 2029 and hitting our 100-year anniversary. I will plan to be at that annual meeting so that we can meetup and tell sea stories as we celebrate.

Retiree's if you know another retiree that is a CWO and is not a member of the association then please talk to them, ask them why, and try to bring them into our ranks. The more representation that we have the more power and recognition that we will achieve. The association can use everyone's help. If you are near a chapter then please join them and start getting involved. We need more people to be involved in events, new blood to help get things going and drive excitement for association missions and values. If you have been in the association for a while, then take someone new under your wing and tell them more about the warrants of the past. If you want to get involved but you are not near a chapter, then contact me and I can tell you about our virtual chapter or committees that you can be involved in. If you have not had a chance to make a profile online with the association, then please reach out to the VP of Retired Affairs or the executive director so that we can help you get setup and accurately account for all of our warrant officers throughout the association.

In closing, it has been a pleasure serving you for all these years. I will not stop working on new items for the CWOA and will continue to volunteer for committees. I did not have very many retirees reach out to me over the past couple of years so let's not continue that trend with the new VP of Retired Affairs. It is hard to be your voice if you are not telling us what is on your minds. Be on the lookout for a survey in the near future where you can let us know more about what is on your mind and important to you. Please join me next week for a retiree virtual social hour ahead of the annual meeting. Details for the meeting can be found here:
<https://www.cwoauscg.org/cwo-news-blog/cwoa-retiree-social-hour/>

Very Sincerely,

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