



**CAPE ISLAND
CHIEF WARRANT AND WARRANT OFFICERS' CLUB
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Address reply to:

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*Approved NAT COUNCIL
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Article II, Section 3 (c) of the Constitution and By-Laws (as amended) of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, United States Coast Guard provides that a member who has exhibited distinguished leadership through untiring efforts and devotion to the precepts stated in the Preamble to the Constitution of our Association may be eligible for and be nominated for the honor and title of Distinguished Member.

The Cape Island Club, Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer Association places the name of Chief Warrant Officer Fay K. THOMPSON, USCG (Ret.) before you as a nominee for Distinguished Membership.

CWO THOMPSON has served his country and the United States Coast Guard for over thirty years. He has been a member of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association since 1957.

CWO THOMPSON has served as Treasurer of the New Orleans District Club during the years of 1957 and 1958. He served two consecutive terms as President of the Cape Island Club; one term as Vice-President and is currently serving his second consecutive year as our treasurer. While serving as President of the Cape Island Club Mr. Thompson was instrumental in preparing a proposal to the National By-Laws which ultimately permitted former Warrant Officers serving in the permanent rank of Ensign and above to be reinstated and permitted to retain membership in our Association. While serving as President of the Cape Island Club during the year of 1969 he diligently worked towards the very successful AGASSIZ-HEIKEL Week Celebration. This affair honored both the decommissioning of AGASSIZ and one of our own Distinguished Members - LCDR John A. HEIKEL, (Ret). The events were attended by many notable persons including representatives of the Cape May Congressional District; Department of Transportation; the Assistant Commandant; Commander, Eastern Area; Commander, Third Coast Guard District; the President of the National Association; delegations from the Veteran's of Foreign Wars; American Legion and dignitaries from State, County and Community organizations. There is no doubt that the image of the Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association was greatly enhanced by the successful planning and execution of that celebration. Chief Warrant Officer THOMPSON provided the leadership in the attainment of that very successful celebration.

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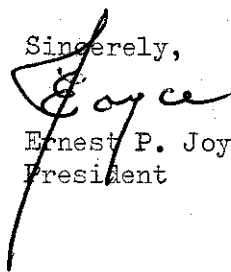
CWO THOMPSON's interests are not confined to service to the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association. He has many outside interests as well. For example, he is very active in the South Jersey Chapter of the Retired Officers Association. He has served one year as Executive Committeeman and is now serving as Third Vice-President. As a member of the Harry Snyder American Legion Post No. 193, Cape May he has served as Junior Vice-Commander and as Senior Vice-Commander. He is now the Post Commander. As a member of the church council of the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Villas, N. J. he has been elected as Vice-President of that Council in addition to serving as a member of the Finance Committee of the Church. He is also on the Board of Managers of the Lutheran Nursing Home for the Aged, Ocean View, N. J. and is an active member of the Property Committee.

Mr. THOMPSON recently received a Charter for and was installed as President of the South Jersey Good Sam Clam Diggers - a Chapter of the National Good Sam Recreational Vehicle Club sponsored by Trailer Life Magazine. Again, CWO THOMPSON was one of the initial organizers of this new club.

CWO THOMPSON's interest in our own local club, the National Association, community and fraternal organizations is exemplary in that his efforts are crowned with success not only for himself, but also for his genuine love of his fellow human being. That drive and love of his fellow man enhances the image of the career service man in general and of the Warrant Officers Corps specifically.

Because of the dignity and honor associated with Distinguished Membership, I appointed a committee of three to investigate the possibility of nominating one of our local members to that august body. Two of the Committee are Distinguished Members themselves. I charged that Committee to be very selective so as not to denigrate the honor or traditions associated with a Distinguished Membership. That Committee submitted one name - the name of Chief Warrant Officer Fay K. THOMPSON, USCG (Ret.). His name was placed in nomination on the floor of a regular meeting of our membership and it was unanimously agreed that CWO THOMPSON truly deserved your consideration for conferment of the title Distinguished Member. I share the opinion of the Committee and our membership.

Sincerely,



Ernest P. Joyce, LT, USCG
President