

Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers' Association  
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Dear Mr. President:

By unanimous vote of the 45 members attending our regular monthly meeting on 19 April 1984, the Pacific Northwest Club - Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers' Association, takes pleasure in nominating CWO4(F&S) George V. "Vince" Stauffer, U. S. Coast Guard, Retired, as a DISTINGUISHED MEMBER of the Association.

Mr. Stauffer has a long and distinguished record of service and leadership in our Association. His untiring efforts and devotion, not only to the National Association and the local CWO clubs that he has been associated with, but to the Coast Guard as a whole, are truly commendable. Although he has been retired from active duty since 1 January 1973, the Coast Guard and the Warrant Officers' Association are still very much an active part of his life.

Mr. Stauffer began his career as a warrant officer on 1 March 1958 when he was appointed a W1. He was a charter member of this club when it was formed in 1959. During the years, he has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President (twice) of the Mid-Pacific Club. He was active in the Great Lakes Club despite being physically located some 350 miles from the district office in Cleveland. This was during his tour of duty as Commanding Officer, USCG Supply Depot, Great Lakes, Illinois.

In 1968, he was a member and one of the organizers in establishing and obtaining a charter for the Far-Out Club in Viet Nam. As a member of the Pacific Northwest Club, he has been Vice President four times, Secretary twice, and Treasurer once. By way of explanation, it should be noted that until our by-laws were just recently changed, only active duty personnel were eligible to serve as President of this club; otherwise he would have certainly served in that office also.

Currently, Mr. Stauffer is serving our club in a number of other ways: he is our club's representative to both the 13th CG District Retiree Council and the U.S.O. at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport; he is an ardent supporter of, and generous contributor to, the John A. Keller Memorial Scholarship Fund and our local U.S.O.; and, he has chaired or served on every committee in our club.

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One of Mr. Stauffer's greatest contributions to our local club and the national organization came in February of 1978. He recognized that our local chapter was on the verge of disintegration. The election of officers had not been held in December 1977 as required by the by-laws. Meetings had not been held on the designated dates in January or February of 1978.

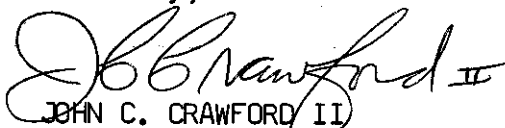
Extremely concerned, Mr. Stauffer published a notice to all the club members he could reach and convened a meeting to re-establish the club. He then chaired that meeting and established a temporary set of officers; a slate of officers for election; and, prepared and effectively distributed ballots for the election of officers at the March 1978 meeting.

Mr. Stauffer's leadership and performance during this crucial period was exceptional. His recognition of the situation and his subsequent actions prevented our club from disbanding. During the remainder of 1978 he served as the duly elected Treasurer and aided the other elected officers in rebuilding our local club. Additionally, he helped to encourage and maintain local support of our national association's scholarship fund, an activity which was instrumental in preventing the demise of that worthy cause.

Mr. Stauffer has been an active and long time member of our association. He has served in many leadership positions. He has displayed his leadership in a quiet, effective manner without concern for recognition, but always a concern for his fellow warrants and their welfare. His successful efforts to ensure the well being of our local chapter when it was in danger of disbanding should, by itself, be worthy of recognition as a DISTINGUISHED MEMBER.

We therefore respectfully request that those personnel of the National Council when voting on this nomination for DISTINGUISHED MEMBERSHIP carefully weigh the valuable contributions that Mr. Stauffer has made to further the causes of our association during the past 26 years.

Sincerely,



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