

CHIEF WARRANT & WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
U. S. COAST GUARD, GREATER MIAMI CLUB
SEVENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT (AP), MIAMI FLORIDA 33131

30 January 1994

Distinguished Membership Committee
Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association
U. S. Coast Guard
c/o James Creek Marina
200 V. Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20024

On behalf of the Greater Miami Club, CW & WO Association, U. S. Coast Guard, CW04 (MAT) George W. Borlase, Jr. is hereby nominated for Distinguished Membership in The Association.

Since his promotion to chief warrant officer in 1980, CWO Borlase has distinguished himself as a model officer for all chief warrant officers to follow. He has displayed leadership, professionalism and dedication that has been of exceptional value to the chief warrant officer corps, as well as the entire Coast Guard.

Immediately upon promotion, he became an active member of the New York club, followed by the Washington, DC club upon his transfer to CGHQ. His history of elected positions in the Association/Clubs is as follows:

- + Association President - 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990
- + Yorktown Club President - 1986
- + Association Treasurer - 1985, 1984, 1983

His professional and leadership accomplishments in furthering the goals of The Association and the chief warrant officer corps is highlighted as follows:

- + In 1992, he commissioned the first ever Long-Range Planning Committee. Seeing the need to give The Association "direction" as we entered ever changing demographic and financial times, this committee was tasked with identifying areas for improvement and recommending ways/means of maintaining a solvent Association long into the future. The positive impacts of this committee's recommendations will ensure we maintain a strong Association. Specific areas of significant impact are:

- Financial Investment Strategy was set to ensure a mixed investment strategy that limits high risk investments, ensures we will have a solvent future organization, and we will be able to accomplish our chartered goals to our membership and the Coast Guard.
 - Career Development seminars for enhancing the value and careers of the chief warrant officer corps were scheduled, coordinated and presented at CGHQ in 1992, 1993, and 1994.
 - A Coast Guard chief warrant officer indoctrination training program was approved, funded and established in 1994. The value of this training will ensure all newly commissioned chief warrant officers obtain the professional, leadership and organization tools needed to fully and successfully integrate into the officer corps.
 - A membership initiative, the Superior Achievement in Membership Improvement (SAMI) award was implemented in 1992 to aid in membership recruitment.
- + From 1990 to 1994, CWO Borlase has held The Association on a steady course as Coast Guard leadership moves toward implementation of a Coast Guard Warrant Officer Management Act (WOMA). Recognizing the far-reaching implications of the original WOMA package sponsored by the Army (DoD) and passed by Congress, he maintained that all Coast Guard chief warrant officers should fully understand the possible impact on promotions, retirements, assignments, separations, and general management of the chief warrant officer corps. As a result of his patience and level-headed approach, the final legislation put forward for Coast Guard chief warrant officers will be a joint product of Association and Coast Guard input.
 - + In 1991, he designed and put into use a universal Association Membership Benefits Package/Application. This combination of membership benefits and a membership application has aided in recruiting members by providing all information in one format. This initiative will aid in recruitment for years to come.
 - + He was instrumental in revitalizing the Yorktown Club in 1986. The Club had fallen to inactivity and he put new life in it by soliciting a slate of officers, of which he was elected President. It remains active to date.

- + From 1990 to date, he continually used his technical talents to secure much needed maintenance of The Association office, "The Barge". He saved The Association thousands of dollars in maintenance costs by using his networking contacts.
- + During his four terms as President of The Association, he has established a rapport with Coast Guard managers in the Office of the Commandant, and in the Office of Personnel and Training that has not been enjoyed in recent years. He is consulted for input on ALL issues that impact our active duty, retired, and reserve members. He has aggressively represented our members in supporting the actions of the Coalition of Military Organizations (COMO) in efforts to fight reductions in retiree COLAs, medical care, and veteran's benefits. He has also taken a stand for The Association on controversial issues such as gays in the military, and flag burning. All of these actions have been handled with the utmost professional representation of the Coast Guard chief warrant officer corps; active duty, retired, and reserve.

Chief Warrant Officer Borlase has been a consummate professional since his commissioning in 1980. The volunteer nature of these accomplishments exemplify an unselfish dedication to his fellow chief warrant officers, the Coast Guard, and the United States of America.

In summary, Chief Warrant Officer Borlase has distinguished himself "through untiring efforts and devotion to the precepts stated in the Preamble to the Constitution of this Association and thereby made significant contributions to the goals of The Association".



C. O. BOLL, JR.
Lieutenant Commander
U. S. Coast Guard
President, Greater Miami Club
Member In Good Standing

31 January 1994

President
Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association
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Dear Mr. President,

Per the Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officers Association By-Laws, please accept my nomination of Chief Warrant Officer George W. Borlase, Jr. as a distinguished member.

Chief Warrant Officer Borlase has distinguished himself and dedicated a substantial amount of time and effort in improving the Chief Warrant Officer Association and Warrant Officer Corps over the last four years. He is one of the few Warrant Officers to have held the Office of President of our Association four consecutive years, that in itself a distinguished honor and accomplishment.

During this time he was instrumental in establishing a long range planning committee to provide input and recommendations to improve the Warrant Officer Association; started an annual professional enhancement seminar series at Coast Guard Headquarters for the Warrant Officers in the Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD area to promote professional development. One of the oldest agenda items of the Association, first mentioned in a CWOA Newsletter in 1930, was the establishing a Warrant Officer Indoctrination Course. This was approved with the personal efforts lead by George; I attended the meetings with the Commandant, Headquarters Chief of Staff, and Chief of Personnel and Training in which George encouraged and convinced the Coast Guard leadership that a Warrant Officer Indoctrination Course was long over due in the professional development of our newly appointed Warrant Officers.

Under George's leadership a formal survey was conducted of all active duty Warrant Officers to obtain and help formulate policies that would assist the Association in better serving the Chief Warrant Officers on active duty. The CWOA Newsletter has been more upto date with articles that are of interest both to the active and retired community as programs have changed that affect benefit and career programs.

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George has in my opinion provided that distinct leadership that is expected of a Warrant Officer not only in promoting the Warrant Officer Association but promoting the professional development of the Warrant Officers. I encourage the distinction and honor as a Distinguished Member be bestowed on Chief Warrant Officer Borlase for his dedication to the Warrant Officer Corps and leadership of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer Association.

Sincerely,



C. William Mattoon
Chief Warrant Officer
Vice President,
Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association

February 1, 1994

President
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Dear Sir:

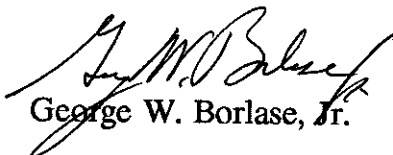
I nominate CWO4 (F&S) Vanus J. Priestley for distinguished membership in the Association. Van has been a member of the Association since June 1979. During this time he has served as treasurer of the New York Club in 1980 and as President in 1981. He was treasurer of the Cape Island Club in 1985 and President from 1986-1990. Van also has been President of the Greater Miami Club from 1992 to 1994. His work in these clubs has helped to make them an integral part of the community and promote the Association.

In 1992 Van was selected to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee based on his work with his clubs and past National Council meetings. He was an integral part of a five member team that helped guide our Association for the next five years. It was his recommendation in 1989 that prompted the Long Range Planning Committee to suggest holding a convention in 1994 to celebrate our 65th Anniversary. Currently, he is serving on the 1994 Long Range Planning Committee.

Van has made every effort to attend National Council meetings when in the area. He has been vocal at these meetings, especially on the topic of the Warrant Officer Management Act and provided valuable input on our bylaws changes.

His untiring devotion to his clubs and the Association, I feel has earned him the designation of Distinguished Member of the Association. He is a credit to both the Association and the Coast Guard.

Sincerely,


George W. Borlase, Jr.

February 1, 1994

CWO4 George W. Borlase, Jr., USCG
President
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Dear Mr. President:

I nominate CWO4 (F&S) Keith M. Wakefield for Distinguished Membership in the Association. Keith has been a member of the Association since September 1983. He was Vice President of the New York Club from 1987-1989, during which time he helped increase the finances of the club by purchasing a hot dog cart and increased club participation in community activities. He served as the New York Club President from 1989-1992, during which time he attended numerous National Council meetings to express the strong opposition to the Warrant Officer Management Act by warrant officers in the New York area. He also served on several advisory committees on Governors Island and improved community relations. From 1992-1993 he served on the New York Club's Executive Committee, thus worked to bring the Association's 1993 Annual Meeting to Governors Island. He served as President of the New York Club from 1993 until the present time.

Keith was selected to serve on the 1992 Long Range Planning Committee. He was an integral part of a five member team that made a number of recommendations to help guide our Association for the next five years. He is serving on the 1994 Long Range Planning Committee due to his work with his club and with past committees.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Lewis