

March 10, 1974

Chairman, National Council
CWO & WO Association
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

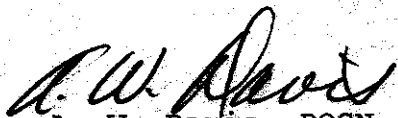
In his letter of February 7, 1974 to the National Council, CDR Joseph J. DeCarlo, Distinguished Member, summed up most admirably, the qualifications for "Distinguished Member" as demonstrated by his nominee, CDR Harry Oest.

Therefore, we members of the St. Petersburg/Tamps Club, consider it an honor and privilege to endorse the nomination of CDR Harry Oest for "Distinguished Member".

And lastly, we have three men who honor us with their membership, counseling and advice. Each one a "Distinguished Member". And in addition, each a Past President of the National Council. I refer to the following gentlemen, CDR DeCarlo, LCDR Van Winkle and LCDR Hammond.

May we look forward to a fourth member, CDR Harry Oest, to join this hallowed trio of "Distinguished Members"?

Respectfully submitted,



A. W. Davis, BOSN, (Ret.)
Secretary

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St. Petersburg, Fla.
Feb. 7, 1974.

Chairman, National Council
Chief Warrant and W.O. Assoc.
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Nomination of Harry A. Oest as Distinguished member.

Reference: (a) Section 3 Article 11 Const. and By-Laws.
(b) Section 3(c) Article 11.

Mindful of the aims and requirements of reference (a) and in accordance with reference (b), I heartily recommend for nomination to the honor and title of distinguished member in our association Harry A. Oest.

This former chief warrant officer (now commander ret) joined the association in 1930. In 1931 he was the guiding force in organizing the Norfolk Virginia district club. He was elected its first president.

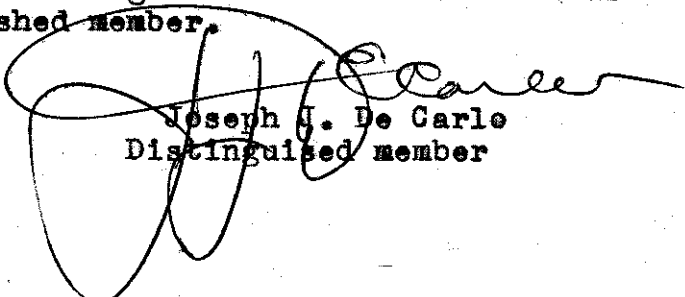
While stationed at Coast Guard Headquarters in 1943 for nearly four years he was a member of the national council. He was assigned duties and various assignments on committees which he carried willingly always mindful of the best interests of the association. I speak with personal knowledge of this man's work on the national council, for I was chairman of the council for two of those years. And what hectic years they were.

In 1946 Harry Oest was elected vice president of the national association the same year yours truly served as your president. His wise council and supportive efforts benefitted the association no end.

~~He was required to resign membership in 1948 as a result of accepting commission officer status. At that time he was in his eighteenth year of loyal membership.~~

He rejoined the association after the by-laws were amended and is currently a member in good standing and in his twentieth year.

Harry Oest now in his 74th year not as healthy as he would like to be. However with undiminished enthusiasm ever loyal to this fraternity contributed his experience and talent in helping organize the Tampa St. Petersburg district club and is one of its charter members. It is with great pleasure that I recommend this deserving member to the council as a candidate for the honor of distinguished member.


Joseph J. De Carlo
Distinguished member