

January 12, 2006

President  
Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Assn., USCG  
200 V Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Dear CWO Ransom:

I nominate CWO4 (PERS) Randy J. Cornell, USCG to be a Distinguished Member of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, USCG. Upon appointment to CWO, CWO Cornell immediately became active in the affairs of the association. He was first elected to office in 1997 and served as Treasurer for one year. In 1998 he was elected as President and served in that office for three terms and was elected to replace the Vice President for the remainder of the 2001-21002 term. Upon reporting to Topeka, Kansas, he became involved with the Little Club on the Prairie and served as their president for 2003.

Due to a conflict between the Association and the CWO Indoctrination Course staff, the Association was not welcome at the course. CWO Cornell worked diligently with the Course instructors and the Chief of the Leadership and Development Center to have the CWOA accepted at the course. Once he was successful, CWO Cornell insisted that the students in each class be visited by a member of the Association. CWO Cornell developed a close working relationship with the course instructors and was given a block of instruction to provide the history of the CWO to the class.

CWO Cornell established a Long Range Planning Committee, and participated with the committee, in an attempt to stop the declining membership in the association. The product of that committee was guided in a large part by CWO Cornell's vision and resulted in the "Active Duty Recruiting Initiative".

CWO Cornell's efforts with the CWO Indoctrination Course and the Active Duty Recruiting Initiative resulted in 688 new members in the five years immediately following implementation of these programs compared with 302 new members in the preceding five years.

CWO Cornell has been a dedicated member of the association and has produced results which have greatly strengthened the Association.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Lewis  
Distinguished Member