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Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer Association, USCG  
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Re: Distinguished Member Recommendation

It is with great pleasure and a true honor that we recommend CWO4 (F&S) Richard (*Ric*) G. Waechter USCG, Retired for Distinguished Membership in the USCG Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer (CW&CWO) Association.

For more than twenty-five (25) years CWO Waechter has been extremely active in supporting the goals and activities as a member of both the National Association and of various CW&CWO Chapters, in particular the Cape Island Chapter in Cape May, NJ.

Over the recent years, CWO Waechter has either volunteered or accepted membership on various CW&CWOA Committees. To name a few; he currently serves on the National's Permanent Finance Committee, the Vision Statement Committee and the Executive Committee where he has participated in a number of meetings and discussions that addressed Budget, Membership Initiatives/Retention and our National By-Laws. Additionally, back in 1997 and 1998, CWO Waechter served as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Here in the Cape Island Chapter, CWO Waechter served a one-year (1) term as our Treasurer (1992) and for the past thirteen (13) years he has served explicitly as our President. His relentless efforts to recruit newly appointed CWOs for membership in both the National Association and the local Chapter with mailings, e-Mails and telephone calls, resulted in the recruitment of twenty-three (23) National Association Memberships. Always goes the extra mile to ensure all efforts are expended in keeping Chapter members aware of the National's current events. He brought the National's Scholarship Committee's tasking to the Chapter for the years 1998 and 2005 and served as a member of our selection committee.

CWO Waechter retired from active duty in 2002 but continues to serve the Coast Guard and support its fine young men and women in his present capacity as Housing Officer for Group/Airsta Atlantic City, NJ.

In view of CWO Ric Waechter's outstanding service to the USCG Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer Association and to the members of our local Chapter over the past fourteen years, we respectfully request he be elevated to the honored status of "**Distinguished Member**".

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