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I hereby nominate CWO4 Robert L. Lewis, USCG for distinguished membership.

On the local level, CWO4 Lewis was the Charter Vice President of the Washington, DC Club. He has also served as President of the Southern California Club.

CWO4 Lewis' most noteworthy accomplishments have been at the National level. Since his appointment to Chief Warrant Officer in 1970, CWO4 Lewis has been an active member of the National Council, while assigned to Headquarters. He has served several terms on the by-laws committee, including 2 years as that committee's chairman. His term as chairman last year resulted in an extensive revision of the By-laws. CWO4 Lewis served as Purser for 1 1/2 years, and two terms as National President. He has served as the Association's Secretary for the past 3 years.

CWO4 Lewis' last year as Secretary was most notable. With the departure of the Assistant Secretary in 1988, CWO4 Lewis faced a bleak administrative scenario. Within a few short weeks of the former Assistant Secretary's departure, the following were accomplished:

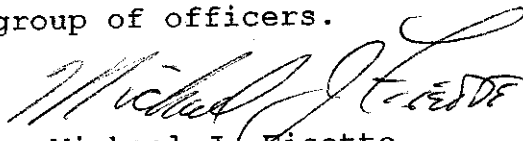
- Old death gratuities were paid and newly deceased CWOs' widows were receiving prompt payment.
- Newly appointed CWO's began receiving written notification of their eligibility to join the Association.
- Obsolete files were destroyed, and new files were created.
- New furniture was bought and The Barge received a thorough house cleaning.

CWO4 Lewis single-handedly set up the Association's computer system and created our membership data base. This work was all accomplished during his lunch hour, at home at night, and on weekends on The Barge. It required hundreds of man-hours to accomplish.

Working with a local law firm, CWO4 Lewis saw our incorporation through to completion last year. No longer do individual members of the Association stand at risk of being sued if suit was brought against the CW&WOA.

CWO4 Lewis can always be relied on for his sage advice and practical ideas on getting the job done. The word "service" is used repeatedly throughout this recommendation. CWO4 Lewis provides services to our Association at a level which I have not seen equaled. No matter what the event, no matter what the time, if it involves the Association, CWO4 Lewis can be counted on to be there and ready. If there is a modern day "Mr. Association" among us today, Bob is he!

Without reservation, I can truly say that CWO4 Lewis has earned the title of Distinguished Member of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, U. S. Coast Guard. It's time that he be so recognized and ranked among this selected group of officers.



Michael J. Fiset  
President