



President, Chief Warrant and  
Warrant Officers' Association  
U. S. Coast Guard  
c/o James Creek Marina  
200 V Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024-3321

January 1, 2008

Dear Mr. President and Fellow Warrant and Chief Warrant Officers:

I hereby nominate CWO4 (F&S) Wayne Zuehls, USCG for selection as a distinguished member of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers' Association, United States Coast Guard. CWO4 Zuehls' exemplary leadership of our Chapter since 2001, and his initiative to initiate and lead fund-raising activities to benefit Coast Guard benevolent activities, rates his being considered for distinguished membership.

As outlined in Article II, Section 2.b. of our Constitution and By-Laws, I commend to you that CWO4 Zuehls has distinguished himself through untiring effort and devotion to the precepts stated in the Preamble to the Constitution of this Association and thereby has made significant contributions to the goals of the Association. .

Wayne joined the Pacific Northwest Chapter in 1999. In 2001, he stepped forward to serve as the Chapter's Treasurer, and represented our Chapter at the CW&WOA's national meeting. Except for 2002, he has been our representative every year since. In 2002, Wayne rose up to serve as the Chapter's Vice President, and then President in 2003. CWO4 Zuehls has served continuously as our President for the last 5 years.

I would dare to say no member of our Chapter has ever spearheaded fundraising activities to the extent of CWO4 Zuehls. Over the last 7 years, Wayne has raised over \$20,000 to benefit the following causes:

- CWO John A. Keller Memorial Scholarship
- USO SeaTac Airport lounge
- Hurricane Relief efforts
- CG Enlisted Person of the year
- Douglas Monroe grave site enhancement and maintenance
- Chaplain prayer breakfast
- Seattle area park cleanup

- Holiday gift cards for junior enlisted personnel

His fundraising activities include: D13/Pier 36 summer BBQ's, Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey raffles, polo shirt sales, and 50/50 raffles.

CWO4 Zuehls has contributed to the National CW&WOA by serving on the Scholarship Selection Committee in 2003, and the Long-range Planning Committee in 2004. Also, a good portion of our Chapter's annual contribution to CW&WOA causes has come directly from Wayne's fund-raising activities. During his tenure as President, our Chapter has contributed over \$5,000 to the CW&WOA Scholarship Fund.

CWO4 Zuehls collaborated with LT Joe Notch to develop our Chapter's website. He has also worked with D13 leadership on the USCG Enlisted Person of the Year dinner and hurricane relief efforts.

Finally, and probably most important, Wayne has single-handedly reinvigorated our Chapter by getting the active duty CWO's involved. For years, we watched at our meetings as the ratio of active duty to retiree attendees continually declined. Wayne turned this around. Active duty attendees now outnumber retirees, and I couldn't be prouder. The number of active duty members attending our meetings has risen 300%. It is Chapter leaders like CWO4 Zuehls who facilitate the survivability of the CW&WOA.

CWO4 Zuehls has earned the title of Distinguished Member of our Association.

Sincerely,

CWO4 Michael J. Fiset, USCG (Ret.)

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PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT

As Distinguished Members of this fine organization for many years, we strongly support the nomination of CWO4 (F&S) Wayne Zuehls, USCG for distinguished membership.

CWO4 Zuehls has done an outstanding job leading our Chapter for the last 5 years. Rather than simply being a caretaker President and maintaining the status quo, Wayne has relished the Presidency, reinvigorated our Chapter, successfully gotten the active duty CWOs involved, and raised a boatload of money to benefit Coast Guard and CWOA causes.

CWO4 Zuehls is among the best Chapter Presidents we have ever had, and has certainly earned the title of CW&WOA, USCG Distinguished Member.

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