



# Suncoast Chapter USCG CWOA

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The March social meeting of the Suncoast Chapter of the U.S. Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officers Association was held on Tuesday March 16, 2010 at the Park Side Cafe Pinellas Park.

The following were present:

David and Pat Daniels Jim Patton Bill Reetz

Being a social gathering no business was discussed.

Some facts on the annual meetings:

<b>Locations 1978-2010</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Number Attending</b>		
Wash DC	19	AVG 39	Low 24	High 67
Las Vegas NV	2	80/1994	54/2004	
Oakland CA	2	46/1990	??/2010	
Orlando FL	2	61/1991	40/1999	
Seattle WA	2	51/1988	34/2001	
Portland ME	1	35/2008		
Gov Island NY	1	27/1993		
Yorktown VA	1	34/2000		
St Louis MO	1	28/2005		
Tampa FL	1	36/2009		

The low mark of 24 total attendees with 8 chapter representatives was for the 1996 meeting held in Washington DC when it was decided not to fund any travel for chapter representatives to

attend. The largest meeting was in Las Vegas in 1994 celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1983 the meeting in Washington had 25 chapter representatives attending. The average for the period I have records (1978 through 2009) is 20 chapters attending with an average of 18 members at large. The Board of Directors [President, VP, VP retired, VP reserve, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman and Purser – not all of these positions have been filled every year] have not been included in these numbers.

Our next business meeting will be at 1000 in the dining facility at CGAS Clearwater on Wednesday April 14, 2010, we will discuss the agenda items, distinguished member nominations, etc for the annual meeting the following week. All CWO's in the area, active, retired and reserve and invited.

Bill Reetz  
President

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Any fears that Tricare could be affected by health care overhaul legislation should be laid to rest under a bill unanimously approved by the House over the weekend, according to legislators. The legislation passed by the House on Sunday did not exempt Tricare - which provides health care to the military, their families or retired veterans - from requirements that insurance coverage must meet certain minimum standards or individuals would have to buy additional insurance.

However, a separate bill approved 402-0 by the House on Saturday says that Tricare meets the minimum requirements and no further insurance must be purchased.

U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., who is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, proposed the legislation despite his opposition to the health care bill approved Sunday night.

"We will at least know that we have protected those men and women who sacrifice their lives to protect us," Skelton said before the Saturday vote.

On Monday, Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., introduced a companion Senate bill, saying there has been too much confusion about the effect of health care changes on Tricare.

"This bill sets the record straight," Webb said in a written statement.

# Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, United States Coast Guard

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March 4, 2010

To: President From: Chairman, Ballot Committee

Subj: Report of the results of the 20 10 Association Election

1. The Ballot Committee, consisting of CW04 Greg P. Hunton, CW03 Jason D. Briggs, CW02 Marie F. Hope and myself, has counted the ballots for the 2010 election. Only those ballots received prior to 1 March 2010 were counted.
2. The results of the 2010 Association Election are as follows:

## Total Number of Ballots Received (483)

President

Vice President of Retired Affairs

CW02 (ISM) Brent A. Light 400 **Votes**

CW04 (BOSN) Alan C. Beal, Ret. 233 **Votes**

CW02 (PERS) David S. Washburn 81 **Votes**

CW04 (PERS) Michael V. Maher, Ret. 246 **Votes**

Secretary

CW02 (ISM) Jeffrey A. Caler 158 **Votes**

CW04 (PERS) Robert L. Lewis, Ret. 322 **Votes**

There were a total of 481 ballots cast indicating a preference regarding the Proposed Bylaws Change for Article II Membership, Section I. Eligibility For Membership.

For 461 **Votes** Against 20 **Votes**

Affirmed By:

William Ridenour CW02, USCG Chairman	Greg P. Hunton CW04, USCG	Jason D Briggs CW03, USCG	Marie F. Hope CW02, USCG
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**Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association Proposed Budget July 2010 -  
June 2011 INCOME I**

I Donations	\$	10,000		
2 Dues I	\$	175,000		
3 Interest/Dividends	\$	12,000		
4 Miscellaneous Income	\$	750		
4A Net Sales of Merchandise	\$	750		
Total Income	\$	197,750		
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
I Annual Meeting Expense	\$	30,000		
2 Association Office I	\$	7,350		
2A Annual Registration	\$	10		
2B Electricity I	\$	840		
2C Maintenance/Supplies/Hskpg	\$	1,500		
20 Slip Fees	\$	5,000		
3 Awards I	\$	1,800		
4 CWO News (Print/Mail)	\$	29,000		
5 Death Gratuity	\$	30,000		
6 Equipment Rental	\$	1,200		
7 Extraordinary Clothing Allowance	\$	1,500		
8 Insurance I	\$	9,000		
9 Internet Access/Web Site	\$	600		
10 Long Range Planning Committee	\$	2,500		
II Marketing the Association (Active Duty Recruiting Initiative)	\$	10,925		
IIA Cups	\$	575		
IIB CWO Coin	\$	2,500		
IIC Misc Expenses	\$	150		
IID Postage I	\$	600		
IIE Shirts	\$	3,500		
IIF New Member Packets	\$	500		
IIG Chapter Promotion/Recruiting	\$	1,000		
IIH CWOPD Reception	\$	2,100		
12 Meetings I	\$	2,000		
13 Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	7,548		
13A Donation to TMC	\$	500		
13B Membership (Boat/US)	\$	15		
13C Registered Agent	\$	278		
130 Safety Deposit Box	\$	90		
13E Unspecified, but anticipated exp	\$	2,665		
13F Electronic Preservation of Records	\$	4,000		
14 Office Supplies and Equipment	\$	2,200		
15 Payroll - Salary/Retirement/faxes	\$	71,482		
15A Exe Dir (ED): \$ 60,000				
15B Part-time Employee \$ 3,000				
15C Payroll Taxes FICA/Medicare	4,827	Total Payroll		
Unempl/DC	655	Taxes	\$	5,482
<b>I I</b>				
150 President: 500 Vice-Pres:	500	\$	3,000	
VP Retirees: 500 VP Reserve:	500			
Secretary: 500 Treasurer:	500			
16 Postage & Shipping	\$	4,800		
17 Printing/Publications	\$	500		
18 Telephone	\$	3,000		
19 Travel (Officer/Employee)	\$	10,000		
Total Cash Operating Expenses	\$	225,405		
<b>I</b>				
Non-Cash Decrease in value of assets				
20 Depreciation	\$	2,500		
<b>I I I</b>				
Total Expenses (Cash and Non-Cash)	\$	227,905		
<b>I I I</b>				
VARIANCES (PIL)	\$	(30,155)		

## CWOA Permanent Finance Committee Proposed 2010-2011 Budget Line Item Explanation

### INCOME

1. Donations -We are currently receiving general donations of \$9,674.40 annually by monthly allotments totaling \$806.20. Additionally we receive cash donations throughout the year.
2. Dues-Number Dues Total Dues
  - A. Full Dues Members paying \$60 per year 2479 60 \$148,740
  - B. Full Dues Members paying \$36 per year 681 36 \$ 24,516
  - C. New members whose allotments are pending 59 36 \$ 2,124
  - D. Limited Members paying annual dues of \$12 26 12 \$ 312

Total anticipated dues revenue \$175,692

1. Investment Interest/Dividend Income -Total amount of income we expect to receive from our investments (mutual funds, bonds), checking, savings, and money market accounts
2. Miscellaneous Income
  - A. Sales of Merchandise -Income we expect to receive from CWOA item sales (member purchases of CWOA jackets, shirts, decals, etc.).

### EXPENSES

1. Annual Meeting -The proposed amount would cover the travel/lodging costs of the Executive Committee, outgoing/incoming officers and the employee to the Greater Washington D.C. area for the 2011 Annual Meeting. It would also cover other incidental expenses associated with the meeting. The breakdown of costs are:

#### 3 Day Meeting

- A. Lodging, local travel and meals for 9 association officers and one \$ 4,300 employee
- B. Travel for Chapter Representatives \$ 11,100
- C. Lodging for Chapter Representatives \$ 5,700
- D. Meals for Chapter Representatives \$ 4,400
- E. Meeting Room, Installation Dinner, Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 3000
- F. Reception \$ 1,500
- G. Total \$30,000

## 2. Association Office

- A. Annual Registration of the Office -No Change.
- B. Electricity -Monthly cost increased from \$60 to \$70.
- C. Maintenance (Includes Maintenance/Supplies/Housekeeping) -No Change
- D. Slip Fees -No change in actual slip fee announced, however a change in marina management is anticipated and could result in a small monthly increase.

1. Awards -The Association provides a sword plaque to the OCS graduate, receiving a temporary service commission, who has the highest academic average of the class. A watch to a graduating Ensign each year at the Coast Guard Academy, and a set of CWO insignia to a graduating CWO at the CWO Professional Development Course. In addition, Distinguished Member certificates and other engraving, certificates and plaques are produced each year.
2. CWO News (Print/Mail) -Based on 16 pages per issue, printed in four color and produced bimonthly.
3. Death Gratuity -Over the past 10 years expenditures have ranged from a low of \$19,414 to a high of \$31,590, with the average being \$26,695. There is no pattern to the amount of payments. The budgeted amount is slightly over the average expenditure.
4. Equipment Rental -This is being carried as a separate line item because we now have to report it on our tax return. This covers rental of our postage meter and other equipment we might need to rent during the year while equipment is being repaired.
5. Extraordinary Clothing Allowance -Allowance to reimburse Association officers for uniforms purchased in the performance of their duties representing the Association.
6. Insurance -Anticipate no increase in premiums.
7. Internet Access -Cost of Internet access to conduct association business. We are currently receiving our web site and web site maintenance at no cost.
8. Long Range Planning Committee -Anticipated expenses for the Long Range Planning Committee, which is required to meet prior to the 2011 Annual Meeting.
9. Marketing the Association -Follow on funding to continue the April 2000 approved recommendation of the Long Range Planning Committee. Includes costs for a number of incentives (Coffee cups issued to all students at the CWO Professional Development Course, CWOA coins for all new appointees and polo shirts for all new members). For several recent classes, the CWOPD School has requested funds to help defray costs of Welcome Receptions. The amount of \$300 has been approved for each of several previous classes and the amount of \$2100 would cover similar funding for the annual 7-class schedule.
10. Meetings (CWOA/COMO/ADHOC) -Incidental costs to ensure the Association is represented within other organizations.

1. **Miscellaneous Expenses** -This item addresses low cost, recurring costs such as BoatlUS membership, Safety Deposit Box rental, etc. This item also includes funds to have valuable and permanent Association records copied electronically. Additionally, a small amount is budgeted for unforeseen costs. Examples of unforeseen costs include our \$5,000 donation to Coast Guard Mutual Assistance in 2005 to support Hurricane Katrina Relief and the \$500 donation for the monument to the air crew lost in Hawaii in 2009.
2. **Office Supplies/Equipment** -Purchase of office supplies and repair of office equipment.
3. **Payroll**-Cost includes salary, officer compensation, part time employee and payroll taxes.
4. **Postage and Shipping** -For items such as membership packets, announcements of events, etc.
5. **Printing and Publications** -Costs for printing the updated bylaws, new membership brochures and other printing or publication needs.
6. **Telephone** -Cost for use of telephone and FAX machine.
7. **Travel (Officer/Employee)** -Cost to send officials to visit Chapters, etc.
8. **Depreciation** -Includes annual depreciation for existing office, furniture, equipment and software.

This months joke:

The old Navy Chief finally retired and got that chicken ranch he always wanted. He took with him his life-long pet parrot.

First morning at 0430, the parrot squawked loudly and said, "Reveille, Reveille. Up all hands. Heave out and trice up. The smoking lamp is lighted, now Reveille."

The old chief told the parrot, "We are no longer in the Navy. Go back to sleep."

The next morning, the parrot did the same thing. Chief told the parrot, "If you keep this up, I'll put you out in the chicken pen."

Again the parrot did it, and true to his word, the Chief put the parrot in the chicken pen.

About 0630 the next morning, the Chief was awakened by one heck of a ruckus in the chicken pen. He went out to see what was the matter. The parrot had about 40 white chickens at attention in formation, and on the ground laid 3 bruised and beaten brown chickens. The parrot was saying, "By God, when I say fall out in dress whites, I don't mean Khakis!"