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Everett "Matty" Matteson, a Distinguished National USCG CWOA member, was honored at a Norfolk Admirals hockey game on February 8, 2017 for his 90th birthday.



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From The President

Spring is coming but has not yet sprung in the national capital region. I hope that spring is beginning to greet all of you in your own neck of the woods. I am thrilled to be coming into my 2nd year as your President and hope that you know the Board of Directors is trying hard to make some good changes in our organization.

The annual meeting is upon us and it will be held May 11 – 13 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Herndon, VA. I look forward to seeing the executive committee and encourage all of you to make time to join us. If you need a permissive leave memorandum to send up your chain of command, please reach out to us. The Officer Installation Banquet Dinner will be Saturday evening May 13. If you would like to come to the dinner, then please contact the CWOA Executive Director at cwoauscg@cwoauscg.org.

Some items to bring to your attention:

- **Dues are still \$7.00 – WE ARE AT THE END OF OUR GRACE PERIOD. We offered one year for all members to update their dues. If you have not updated to the new dues amount, then your names will be dropped from the rolls soon. UPDATE NOW!**
- New Association Officers will be in place soon. Please join us in welcoming CWO Rodney Moore as our new Association Vice President, CWO John Caicedo as the new Association treasurer, and CWO Sarah Case to her second term as Vice President of Reserve Affairs. Vice Adm. Sandra Stosz will help us swear in our newly elected crew at the Banquet Dinner.
- The vote passed for change to the CWOA By-laws, Article IV, Section 2; Qualification for Office. The words “active duty” will be removed allowing retired and reserve members in good standing within the DC metro to run for the offices of President and Vice President.
- Remember to check our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CWOAUSCG/>) and our webpage for updated information (<http://cwoauscg.org/>).

- Please consider signing up for a GOVX account at <https://www.govx.com/cwoa-uscg>. Every person that signs up through our link earns the association money. Tell your spouse, tell your dependents over 18 years old, tell your military subordinates...just give them our website link above. GOVX sells an assortment of items, but mainly has tactical items that are more militaristic. There is no obligation to purchase.

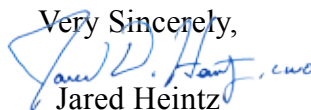
Executive Committee expectations at the Annual meeting:

The annual meeting is not a military event; it is a CWOA event, uniforms are not expected. The event is business casual, normally I show up in my CWOA polo shirt and a pair of khakis (i.e., no jeans, shorts, t-shirts, or sneakers). The Banquet Dinner, however, is very formal and the uniform expected is Dinner Dress Blue Jacket or Dinner Dress Blue (please contact us if you do not know the difference.) Retired members are expected to wear the equivalent for a formal black-tie event (i.e. Tuxedo, evening gown).

Traditionally, chapters make donations to the various CWOA funds at the annual meeting but these donations are not expected. If your chapter would like to donate, then please think about which fund you would like the donation to go to and vote on it internally with Chapter members.

- The Colona Scholarship fund is our Scholarship that is available to dependents of active duty, retired, or reserve enlisted personnel.
- The Keller Scholarship fund is our Scholarship that is available to dependents of CWOA members in good standing with the association.
- The Building Fund helps us to maintain our office space (The Barge) and save for future office space for the CWOA.
- The General Fund is where we hold all funding for the day to day activities of the CWOA.
- I would also like to offer that you can donate money toward helping with the annual meeting expenses. The CWOA picks up the entire bill for this event and it is a BIG bill. We pay for all travel, lodging, and expenses for the entire executive committee as well as the meeting space itself. This is the biggest bill we have every year and cost of living increases drive it higher every year. Chapters are also encouraged to hold fund raisers throughout the year to help offset this cost.

Very Sincerely,


Jared Heintz



BECOMING A CHAPTER OFFICER

Sarah L. Case

Vice President of Reserve Affairs



Greetings Fellow Warrants,

Chapter Officers are the day to day leadership teams that keeps the Chapters functioning and moving forward. If you have been recently elected, or are thinking about future opportunities to run as a Chapter Officer, here are some things you might want to know about each position:

President: As the Chapter President, you are the most widely recognized member of the Chapter. You will be the voice of all members in your Chapter. You will preside over Chapter meetings, initiate activities, and foster community involvement. You are responsible for moving your Chapter in the direction that aligns with your vision. You will provide oversight to the other Chapter Officers and appoint committees to assist you in conducting Chapter business. You will also be responsible for sharing pertinent information with the CWOA Board of Directors.

Vice President: As the Chapter Vice President, you work closely with the Chapter President by supporting and ensuring his or her vision for the Chapter is carried out. In the absence of the Chapter President, the Vice President will preside over meetings. Lastly, you will act as a recruiter – maintaining and growing the Chapter membership.

Secretary: As the Chapter Secretary, you are the main source of communication between the Chapter Officers and the general membership. Timely and accurate dissemination of Chapter documentation, such as posting meeting minutes, is fundamental to the Chapter's success.

Treasurer: As the Chapter Treasurer, you are responsible for the money; valid EIN tax number, balancing accounts (all incoming and outgoing funds are accounted for), and briefing financial outlook at Chapter meetings. Treasurers often look for new ways to raise revenue, such as establishing fundraising events or selling Chapter memorabilia.

All Chapter Officers make up the local Board of Directors, which manages the Chapter business such as dues (if any), reviewing and updating bylaws, setting meetings date, time, location, and agenda, and approving Chapter activities and projects. For other resources about Chapter roles and responsibilities, contact a former Chapter Officer or CWOA Board member.

Very Respectfully,

Sarah L. Case

Vice President of Reserve Affairs

Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association

U.S. Coast Guard

“PASSING THE WORD”

CWO4 J. T. Green, USCG (Ret)

Vice President of Retired Affairs



Welcome to another edition of the CWO News. The annual meeting is quickly approaching and the preparations are well underway. The schedule is set, the agenda is being ironed out and the guest speaker has been confirmed. If you plan to attend, please be sure to get your registration form submitted to the CWOA office as soon as you can. You can find the registration form and other information on the Association web site at <http://cwoauscg.org/>. If you search for “uscg cwoa” using your favorite search engine, typically it’s the first link that comes up. As you browse the different pages on the site feel free to let us know what you think. This is your web site and we want to make it a source of information you can use. If you have a suggestion for additional information, let us know so we can make the web site what you want it to be.

The last scheduled general membership meeting was to be held in Baltimore but had to be canceled due to severe plumbing problems. The BOD conducted a standard business meeting but the agenda items slated for the general membership were put on hold. This, coupled with a number of agenda items pending for the annual meeting, will make for a full docket in May. I’m sure all those in attendance at the annual meeting will be pleasantly surprised at how much the Executive Committee will get done during this year’s meeting – be sure to attend if you can.

There have been a number of questions posed to me and the BOD regarding policy and law changes proposed by our new national administration. Rest assured that your BOD and the executive director have been listening and staying in contact with organizations on the hill to ensure we are getting the information you’re interested in as it becomes available. The impact of a new health care bill on retired members’ is one of the hottest topics and we are working with these other organizations to ensure your voice is heard. Continue to contact the Association with your concerns and we will ensure we continue to pass the word as we hear it.

With the help of the Association President I am slowly building the retired web page with links to sites we may find useful and helpful. As you review the web site please let us know if we can add any links that you find useful – odds are if you find the information useful, someone else does too.

I’ll sign off with a reminder to get your registration form into the Association office if you’re attending this year’s annual meeting, and for those able to attend, I’ll see you there.

Yours in service,
CWO4 J. T. Green, USCG (Ret)
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WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS

Name	Unit	Sponsor
CWO (BOSN) Jason D. Tessier, USCG	CG Station Juneau	Juneau Chapter
CWO (F&S) Robert Rusko, USCG	Tracen Cape May	CWO Frank Gifford
CWO (PERS) Barbie Ogo, USCG	Seventh District	CWO Joseph Johnson
CWO (F&S) Robert Arseneaux, USCG	PRO Panama City	CWOA
CWO (MLCS) James Childress, USCG	Sector Puget Sound	CWOA
CWO (BOSN) Craig Ross, USCG	Sector LA/LB	CWO Wissmann
CWO (MSSR) James Carew, USCGR	MSU Chicago	CWOPD
CWO (PERS) Chase Mercer, USCG	COMDT (CG-1332)	CWOA
CWO (PERS) James W. McElroy, USCG	PPC	CWO Dave Cota
CWO (MSSD) Joshua Nix, USCG	Sector Buffalo	CWOA
CWO (BOSN) Bethannie Kittrell, USCG	USCGC Heron	CWO Marv Lalone
CWO (F&S) Jason Garris, USCG	USCGC Northland	CWO Herring
CWO (PERS) Morgan Ferrer, USCG	Base Kodiak	CWO Stauffer
CWO (MLCS) Gene F. Miller, USCG	Sector Honolulu	Mid Pacific Chapter
CWO (AVI) Louis Fisher, USCG	Air Station Kodiak	CWO Stauffer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 25 YEAR MEMBERS

The Coast Guard Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer's Association would like to congratulate individuals that have been members for 25 years. Thank you for your support.

CWO (ENG) Ronald D. Lemaire, USCG (Ret)

CWO (ENG) Patrick J. McCabe, USCG (Ret)

CWO (ELC) Phillips E. Taylor, USCG (Ret)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 50 YEAR MEMBERS

The Coast Guard Chief Warrant and Warrant Officer's Association would like to congratulate individuals that have been members for 50 years. Thank you for your support.

CWO (PERS) Richard J. Bebble, USCG (Ret)

CWO (ENG) Raymond T. Peterson, USCG (Ret)

Lt. Cmdr Lyle H. Dever, USCG (Ret)

CWO (BOSN) Dalton M. Sheppard, USCG (Ret)

CWO (ELC) Lennis L. Getchell, USCG (Ret)

CWO (BOSN) Robert C. Simpson, USCG (Ret)

CWO (ENG) John R. Manyon, USCG (Ret)

CWO3 (PERS) Robert A. Swanson, USCG (Ret)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

- Mrs. Jane Muesse donated \$50 to the General Fund in memory of her husband Lt. Cmdr. Frederick Muesse.
- Mrs. Pearl Grantham donated \$1,000 to the CWOA Keller Scholarship Fund in memory of her husband Captain Albert Grantham.
- LT Russell Gilbert donated \$25 to the General Fund in memory of CWO Harry Sanborn and \$25 to the CWOA Keller Scholarship Fund in memory of Lt. Cmdr. Frank Alonzo.

Congratulations to the Chief Warrant Officer John A. Keller-CWOA Scholarship Grant 2017 Grant Recipients

Name	Sponsor	Unit	City/State
David Placido	CWO4 (BOSN) Jonathan Placido	Retired	Rainer, OR
Haley Shouse	CWO3 Timothy Shouse	Sector Ohio Valley	Borden, IN
Ian McQueen	CWO4 Donald McQueen	Sector New York	Staten Island, NY
Patrick Morkis	CWO3 Patrick Morkis	USCGC Ida Lewis	Carolina, RI
Valerie Gradel	CWO4 Harold Gradel	Sector Jacksonville	Jacksonville, FL



IN MEMORIAM

To Those Who Have Crossed The Bar

CWO (MED) Sherwood Patrick, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Dec. 1, 2011. He is survived by his widow. CWO Patrick was born on Oct. 10, 1917 and retired on Aug. 1, 1970. He was a member of the Association for 56 years.

CWO (CHBOSN) Leo Richmond, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Dec. 1, 2012. CWO Richmond was born on Sep. 20, 1920 and retired on Oct. 1, 1965. He was a member of the Association for 53 years.

CWO (COMM) Fred Fletcher, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Nov. 4, 2016. CWO Fletcher is survived by 3 children. CWO Fletcher was born on Feb. 11, 1929 and Retired on March 1, 1971. He was a member of the Association for 52 years.

CWO (ENG) Pleasant Lewis, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Nov. 15, 2016. CWO Lewis was born on Aug. 5, 1933 and retired on June 1, 1973. He was a member of the Association for 56 years.

CWO Marcelino Castor, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Dec. 11, 2016. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Angelina Castor of 95 Bradley Ave, White Plains, NY 10607. CWO Castor was born on July 17, 1933 and retired on April 1, 1984. He was a member of the Association for 42 years.

CWO (PERS) Walter Kee, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Dec. 26, 2016. He is survived by his widow Jillian Kee. CWO Kee was born on Sep. 13, 1937 and retired on June 1, 1976. He was a member of the Association for 40 years.

CWO (BOSN) Thomas D. Galliher, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 3, 2017. He is survived by his son and daughter. CWO Galliher was born on March 17, 1922 and retired on June 1, 1971. He was a member of the Association for 59 years.

CWO (BOSN) Edward Hall, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 3, 2017. CWO Hall was born on Oct. 20, 1932 and retired on Sep. 1, 1980. He was a member of the Association for 46 years.

Cmdr. Thomas B. Lain, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 6, 2017. Cmdr. Lain was born on Oct. 13, 1934 and retired on July 1, 1981. He was a member of the Association for 54 years.

CWO (ELC) Jon VonKessel, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 9, 2017. He is survived by his widow. CWO Jon VonKessel was born on Oct. 15, 1940 and retired on Oct. 1, 1984. He was a member of the Association for 43 years.

CWO (BOSN) Frederick Mann, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 9, 2017. He is survived by his three children, Freddy, Vickie and Eric. CWO Mann was born on Oct. 14, 1918 and retired on June 1, 1970. He was a member of the Association for 63 years.

CWO (ENG) Rudolph Eberwein, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 18, 2017. CWO Eberwein was born on May 16, 1932 and retired on July 1, 1971. He was a member of the Association for 49 years.

CWO (F&S) Fred Pilatsky, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 19, 2017. He is survived by his 2 sons and a daughter. CWO Pilatsky was born on Aug. 7, 1923 and retired on May 1, 1976. He was a member of the Association for 59 years.

CWO (ELC) James R. Blair, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 20, 2017. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Amelia Blair. CWO Blair was born on Oct. 30, 1937 and retired on March 1, 1978. He was a member of the Association for 25 years.

CWO (BOSN) Daniel Debrowski, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 22, 2017. He is survived by his 5 children. CWO Debrowski was born on Dec. 8, 1931 and retired on July 1, 1975. He was a member of the Association for 50 years.

CWO (PERS) Dale R. Cotch, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Jan. 29, 2017. He is survived by his widow, Mary Cotch. CWO Cotch was born on Aug. 9, 1958 and retired on Dec. 1, 2006. He was a member of the Association for 17 years.

Lt. Cmdr. Burton G. Howell, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Feb. 8, 2017. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Philomena Howell. Lt. Cmdr. Howell was born on Dec. 9, 1930 and retired on Aug. 1, 1976. He was a member of the Association for 50 years.

CWO (BOSN) Raymond H. Mathison, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Feb. 17, 2017. He is survived by his five children. CWO Mathison was born on March 24, 1929 and retired on Feb. 1, 1971. He was a member of the Association for 47 years.

CWO (BOSN) William F. Hatcher, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Feb. 21, 2017. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mickey Hatcher of 24215 Taree Drive NE, Kingston, WA 98346-9204. CWO Hatcher was born on July 23, 1930 and retired on Feb. 1, 1972. He was a member of the Association for 53 years.

CWO (COMM) Jose A. Franco, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Feb. 24, 2017. CWO Franco was born on Nov. 10, 1933 and retired on June 1, 1986. He was a member of the Association for 40 years.

CWO (ELC) Paul Johnson, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on Feb. 26, 2017. He is survived by his widow, Rosemarie Johnson of 20 Pine Lane, Willow Street, PA 17584. CWO Johnson was born on Feb. 27, 1934 and retired on Nov. 1, 1978. He was a member of the Association for 45 years.

CWO (ENG) Henry W. Domme, USCG (Ret) crossed the bar on March 1, 2017. He is survived by his 3 sons, Henry Jr., Andrew, and Daniel. CWO Domme was born on Sep. 1, 1919 and retired on Sep. 1, 1979. He was a member of the Association for 21 years.



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Do you have at least 10 CWOs in your area?

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Item	Quantity	Size	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Embroidered Polo Shirt	_____	_____	\$30.00	_____
Navy Blue Ball cap	_____		\$16.00	_____
White Ball cap	_____		\$16.00	_____
Sword Plaque	_____		\$85.00	_____
Embroidered Patch	_____		\$ 5.00	_____
Lapel Pin	_____		\$ 4.00	_____
Decal	_____		\$ 1.00	_____
Bumper Sticker	_____		\$.50	_____
Light Weight Windbreaker	_____	_____	\$38.75	_____
Medium Weight Jacket	_____	_____	\$54.50	_____
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Windbreaker or Jacket add \$2.00 for 2XL and 3XL _____

Shipping & Handling for Windbreakers and Jackets is \$10.00 each. _____

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Total Cost of Ordered Items. _____

TOTAL COST _____

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The Coast Guard CWOA Emerald Isle chapter volunteered to host Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) journey here in Kodiak, AK. The eventful weekend included Emerald Isle Warrant Officer's assisting in providing; transportation for the wounded service members, volunteering their own boats and tackle to accommodate off-shore fishing, and ATVs/UTV used to assist in carrying the members to remote fly fishing sites on Kodiak island. The weekend concluded with the CWOA hosting a fish-fry dinner that included a smorgasbord of fresh Alaskan fish and terrific reflection amongst everyone on of the life long memories this trip had provided. PHWFF began in 2005 serving wounded military service members at Walter Reed Army Medical Center returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.