

**Washington DC CPOA Chapter
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2001**

Meeting commenced at 1130

In attendance:

SCPO Allen (President)	CPO Carpenter
CPO Rambo (Secretary)	MCPO Reid
CPO Martinez-Ortiz (Treasurer)	MCPO Blechel
MCPO Rector	CPO Dunn
CPO Breyers	CPO Epperson
CPO Paschall	CPO Chambers
CPO Kruska	CWO Roberts
MCPO Johnson	MCPO Doak
CPO Dingley	MCPO Smith

Treasurer's Report given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flags Across America – CPO Ed Kruska, Chair

- Arlington National Cemetery 10 November event was a great success
- 72 participants, 400 flags posted on CG Graves
- Flag sales prior to event and following the Veteran's Day Ceremony raised \$823 for the program
- Will hold flag sales on 7 Dec at the USCGC TANEY Wreath Laying Ceremony in Baltimore
- Now 65 FAA representatives in 24 states and DC
- Suggestions for improvement for next year's program:
 - **Janis Schaffer action** - Obtain list of Coast Guard graves from the Veterans Administration
 - Post large and small flag on ADM Waeshe's grave
 - Present flag to Commandant during the Veteran's Day Ceremony
 - Assemble FAA detail from across Nation to march in CG Festival Parade 2002 (Grand Haven, MI).
- **CPO Kruska action** – Correct advertisement in The Chief magazine and locate source for flags.
- **CPO Dunn action** – Place advertisement in The Navigator magazine.

Leadership Series - MCPO Keenan, Chair (absent)

- CPO Kruska will reserve a van for trip to CGC TANEY Wreath Laying Ceremony on 7 Dec.
- Chapter will sell flags at ceremony.
- **CPO Kruska action** - work with TANEY curator to arrange for tables, set up for sale
- Chapter will sell TANEY prints and donate ½ proceeds to the TANEY Fund.
- Baltimore CPOA Chapter has volunteered to participate with the DC Chapter. Will help sell prints, flags, etc.
- Tentative date for viewing of the film Pearl Harbor Remembered is Friday, 30 Nov. at 1200 in room 2415.

Southwest Children's House - MCPO Linda Reid, Chair

- SWCH suggested holding children's Christmas party on the Tues/Wed before Christmas. No firm date set
- Turkeys for Thanksgiving – MCPOs Rector and Reid will pick up turkeys from store for delivery on 19 Nov.

Remembrance - MCPO Edna Doak, Chair

- Motion passed to send remembrance packets to any CPO and only members, of any pay grade, who die in the line of duty as long as funds permit
- Chapter will review program in 2002
- Shipping cost using Priority mail is approximately \$4, cost to Express mail is approximately \$17.
- If possible, strive to get the packet to the family before the ceremony (Express mail) but Personnel Casualty Reports are not always received in time
- Suggestion to improve processing:
 - Network with other CPOA chapters and Flags Across America chapters to assume distribution within their areas

CCTI - MCPO Linda Reid, Chair

- Lessons Learned forthcoming

OLD BUSINESS:

Poinsettia and Book Sale - MCPO Dave Johnson

- Sale will be 4-6 December in the cafeteria
- Motion passed to hold sale of medium and large plants only (approximately 90)
- Currently only 40 large plants (10") available, MCPO will work on obtaining medium (8") plants, no small plants available this year
- CPO Dunn, SCPO Allen, MCPO Smith, CPO Martinez-Ortiz and MCPO Johnson volunteered to assist with moving plants at 0700, on 4 Dec.
- Motion passed to move book sale to Spring 02

Chief's Mess

- Great job on repair of partitions
- Clock for the mess presented by MCPO Doak

Dieterle Book Signing

- Great success
- Sold and autographed approximately 100 books
- Flag sale during book signing was highly successful. Great job CPO Carpenter!!

CPO Welcome Aboard

- Thanks to MCPO Reid for her work. It was a great success!!

Chapter of the Year Award

- SCPO Allen and CPO Rambo will begin development of package for Chapter of the Year Award

Enlisted Person of the Quarter

- Chapter purchased tickets for YN2 Rene Pitts, HQ Person of the Quarter, and guest to attend the CG Ball on 17 Nov

- CPO Paschall will meet with MCPO Keenan for review of program nomination process. Also wants to propose CPOs be involved in selection of award recipients.

Chapter Website –

- Chapter has outgrown current free server.
- SCPO Allen is working to find another server.

NEW BUSINESS:

Veterans' History Project/Lessons of Liberty - Suggested that CPOs become involved in meeting a talking with Veterans

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Congratulations to Master Chief Rector on his advancement to Master Chief!!!

Next meeting will be held 20 DEC at 1130 in Chief's Mess

Meeting adjourned at 1232