

**Meeting Minutes**  
**19 APR 01 / CGHQ Cafeteria**  
**Chief Petty Officers Association**  
**Washington, DC Chapter**

**Present – 11** (quorum)

MCPO Charles Johnson  
MCPO Bill Michael, President  
MCPO Bruce Thornal  
SCPO Edna Doak  
SCPO John Rector  
SCPO Sandy Villegas  
CPO Mark Allen, Secretary  
CPO Brad Carpenter  
CPO Frank Dunn  
CPO Carmela Martinez-Ortiz  
CPO Tim Rowley, Treasurer

**Call to Order (1135)**

**Old Business**

Per Michael – Bylaws.

- CPOA National Office requires Chapter VP to review every 2 years. This chapter is overdue.
- **Keenan action** – establish committee of 2 to review.

Per Michael – *USS Serpens* Memorial.

- Mr. Metzler/Arlington National Cemetery has denied CPOA Chapter request to enhance *USS Serpens* Memorial with a plaque or chain. Metzler will add mention to tourmobile talk.
- Allen has advised Terry Yanette / FRA ([mdevfra@fra.org](mailto:mdevfra@fra.org)), who has offered FRA money; \$750 will be easy.
- Allen has advised SCPO Cliff Tice ([CTice@elcbalt.uscg.mil](mailto:CTice@elcbalt.uscg.mil)) and CPO Joe Ferreira ([jferreira@cgyard.uscg.mil](mailto:jferreira@cgyard.uscg.mil)), who have offered hardware from the CG Yard.
- Kruska wrote ~150 words for plaque.
- Cancelled dedication ceremony for Vets Day 2001, which will coincide with 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of USCGR. (Most fallen were CG Reservists.)
- Another mechanism for honoring *USS Serpens* fallen?

Per Michael – Flags Across America (FAA).

- Kruska leads.
- Very fast growth – 70+ groups across Coast Guard.
- Kruska donated \$10 seed money for future flag purchase.
- Michael suggested selling flags as fund-raiser. Ad in *The Chief* magazine, in Fred's Place?
- Cannot legally buy flags with operations funds.

- **Kruska action** – work with CGHQ Public Affairs’ John Thorne to get ANC to add USS Serpens to brochures/maps.

Per Allen – Leadership Series.

- Monthly speaker.
- Speakers need not be military.
- In Rm 2415 or cafeteria, per size of audience.
- CPOA Chapter sponsor and provide plaque to speaker.
- Focus on enlisted folks but open to all hands.
- Allen will try to schedule David Wright, David Zoby, and Elisa Carbone to speak re their books on Pea Island.
- **Keenan action** – other speakers?

Per Keenan – Establish CG Greater Washington, DC Area Enlisted Person of the Quarter (EPOQ) program.

- For junior enlisted persons.
- Couple of quarters behind.
- About 180 enlisted folks at CGHQ. Very few are below E-7.
- Establish scope as CG Greater DC Area and let Keenan manage it.
- Companies will support with funds.
- Applications to Keenan, who will assign a review board.
- Include program for Reservists.
- Post the plaque by CGHQ Chief of Staff office.
- First ceremony second week of JAN 01; location could be outside CGHQ building.
- **Keenan action** - explain CGHQ instruction.

Per Michael – CCTI.

- Scheduled for 10 MAY 01, 0700~1800 at TISCOM (mostly at Anchorage Club).
- Need more CGHQ CPO participation.

## **New Business**

Per Michael – Chapter Elections.

- Elections completed.
- Results – President CPO Allen; VP MCPO Keenan; Secretary CPO Rambo; and Treasurer CPO Carmela Martinez-Ortiz.
- **Rowley / Martinez-Ortiz action** – perform audit of old and new records (per CPOA by-laws).
- **Michael/Allen action** – witness audit.
- **Michael action** – determine where/when swearing in. Invite 4 CCTI PCPOs. Locate script for swearing in.

Per Doak – Bereavement Committee.

- **Doak action** – take lead; make motion at MAY 01 mtg.
- Card was sent to survivors of two deceased Coasties in D9.

Per Doak – CPOA Mess in CGHQ Cafeteria.

- Set up partitions for CPOA Chapter mtgs?

- **Doak action** – research with HSC.

Per Carpenter – Departure.

- Being laid off MAY 01 but remains interested in CPOA Chapter activities (including service as Santa Claus).
- BACarpenter@Prodigy.net

Per Thornal – Spring 2001 CPOA Chapter BBQ.

- **Martinez-Ortiz action** – research location.
- **Michael action** – determine MAY 17 date.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Per Rowley.

- Total cash assets – \$3390.48.
- Report accepted.

### **Adjournment (1210)**