

Chief Petty Officer Association
Washington DC Chapter
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Meeting Minutes 19 AUG 04

Attendance: MCPO Allen
MCPO Jensen
MCPO Tatu
MCPO Wright
SCPO Matheson
YNC Chambers
OSC Graviss
HSC Williams
MKC Kay
CPO Siebenschuh

Guest: BMC George Pledger

Call to Order: 1135

Treasurer's Report: CPO Shellie Chambers, Treasurer Total Assets – \$3880.01
A complete breakdown is available on the web or upon request from the treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flags Across America - CWO2 Ed Kruska, Chair – Reported by MCPO Allen

- 85 Reps / 35 states plus England and Philippines – Up from last report
- Spreadsheet of ANC CG grave locations - LT Albert; CPO Succi; Mr. Whaley – In progress BMC Pledger offered assistance as he used to work for Arlington Cemetery and feels he could get us through some doors.
- 07 AUG 04 - FAA in CG Festival Grand Parade – Grand Haven, MI. FAA participated in the parade and had a booth both as a fundraiser and to solicit reps from other parts of the country. Several new reps were signed up at this event.
- 10 SEP 04 – 9/11 Ribbons -- Ribbons will be tied for HQ staff by OSC Graviss and will be handed out at the entrances and in the dining facility.
- 11 SEP 04 – Flags Across the Fourteenth (National Ensigns to 14th Street Bridge) -- Email to all CPOs will go out to solicit assistance in placing the 184 flags on the bridge on 11 SEP in remembrance of those who died in the Pentagon.
- Requested \$5k from CG Foundation. -- A request has gone in for support funding.

Leadership Series - MCPO Mark Allen, Acting Chair

- L.S. Event 17 – 25-26 AUG 04 at CPOA Convention, author Mike Walling, *Bloodstained Sea*. Mike Walling will be at the convention to sign books and possibly speak.
- L.S. Event 18? – BMC George Pledger, USCG(ret), spoke about his CG experience and had several strong leadership examples to pass. We will discuss the possibility of having him speak at a leadership series this fall during our SEPT meeting.
- L.S. Event 19? – Fall 2004. SCPO Dennis Noble, USCG(ret) returns after 12 MAY 03 L.S. Event 7. Topic – Leadership in Revenue Cutter Service in Alaska.
- Candidate speakers – Bob Resnick (Iwo Jima), FL? BM2 Belle (Rum War), WI? Malcolm Patterson (book on 1943 CG Base Southwest Harbor)? Russell Drumm? Paul Cora? RADM Bauman? RADM Rochon? CWO Herbert-Schinzel?

Southwest Community House - MCPO Linda Reid, Chair – Reported by MCPO Allen

- Tentative activities planned : Childrens' Christmas Party – December 2004

Remembrance - MCPO Edna Doak, Chair – Reported by MCPO Allen

- Policy - send remembrance packets to any CPO; and other members, of any pay grade, only who die in the line of duty as long as funds permit.

CCTI - MCPO Linda Reid, Chair – Reported by MCPO Allen & SCPO Matheson

- 15 SEP 04 (0800) - DC Area CCTI – Kickoff, Lookaway Ceremony – Volunteers needed to read and man the bell.
- 22 OCT 04 - (0630-lunch) - DC Area CCTI - Rights of Passage, (1815) Acceptance Dinner (speaker RADM Houck). 13 PCPOs – Volunteers always needed to help coordinate. Please try to attend some of the day's events if not all. The dinner is held at Ft Belvoir Officers' Club and is always a great event.

Membership – MCPO Phelps, Co-Chair; CPO Rhynard, Co-Chair – Reported by MCPO Allen

- Sending welcome package to new CPOs and those that are not already members. Personal visit to new CPOs to point out the benefits of supporting the CPOA with their membership. Reviewing monthly list to ensure that it is up to date and accurate.
- Current : 152 members
- No new members during the past month.

OLD BUSINESS: Reported by MCPO Allen

- Multicultural Day – 29 JUL 04 - James Creek Marina. Chiefs set up, broke down, and transported tents. ENS Adam Davenport, CMC Frank Tatu, MCPO Henry Mitchell, MCPO Mark Allen, CPO Mary Fulcher, CPO Jeff Murphy, CPO Marson Kay, CPO John Digley and daughter Courtney, CPO Ross Brown, CPO Mike Klanieki. BZ to all that helped it made for a great day!
- 07 AUG 04 / 1100-1600 - CG Day Picnic – TISCOM. CPO Kay mentored PO Saldana in leading Beverage Committee. Numerous Chiefs served. Excellent job!
- 23-27 AUG 04 – CPOA Natl Convention – Las Vegas, NV. MCPO Reid, MCPO Allen will attend. Tentative briefs: CPO Murphy –Deepwater brief. Mr. Omri – CGMA brief. Claudia Isaacoff – CG Central brief. Gold Badge Panel. Mike Walling – CG WWII book-signing. Will bring up the possibility of a DC or Atlantic City for next years event.
- 02 OCT 04 (1730) - Coast Guard Ball - Hyatt Regency Crystal City - CMC Tatu will check into supporting the attendance of the junior enlisted by purchasing tickets to be given to some junior enlisted members. Chiefs could also help with manpower if needed.
- CPO Appreciation Picnic – Tentative Date 15OCT2004 - SCPO Matheson is the organizer of this event and will solicit the PCPOs cook and do the setup. Final info on this event to be passed during the SEP meeting.
- 28AUG2004 - USO Battle of the Military Services – CMC Tatu is the POC for these events : New location is now at Ft. Belvoir. The USO is requesting we assist in this effort of boxing care pkgs for fwd-deployed Coasties and other service members in Iraq/Kuwait. We have received a challenge from BALT CPOA.
- Professional Development Day – Summer 2004? – CMC Tatu, CPO Succi. It is recommended that we try to put another event of this type on CMC Tatu will discuss with CPO Succi.
- NASCAR/Labonte-autographed shirt drawing - not raffle. MCPO Reid has shirt. MCPO stated that the signatures are not very good on the shirt we received and had a suggestion on how we should proceed. Possibly getting another article and having it signed by Labonte and his crew. The website is ready to go. Great publicity for CG and CPOs. Proceeds split between DC CPOA and CGMA. \$5 donations. Webmaster created donation page or donors mail 3x5 cards with donations. There is no donation required.

NEW BUSINESS:

- EPOQ Q3 04 – 19 AUG 04 – CMC Tatu – PO Isabel Paez. CPO Chambers –U.S. Savings Bond; CGEA membership, OSC Graviss to make Certificate. CMC Tatu is working on rewriting the instruction for this and is trying to get this better organized so that there are no delays in awarding this honor in a timely manner. Additionally he suggested that the EPOQ & CPOQ have parking spaces designated to them for their quarter period. The cost for the space required is approximately \$180. per yr., each. He believes that he has a funding offer for this but if that falls through the DC CPOA will look at funding these items.
- Uniform exchange – Uniforms will be equally divided into two groups and two units will receive uniforms to be distributed to their volunteers. The decision will come from a drawing of flotillas during their National conference (NACON). G-OCX will then ship the items to the winning units.
- USO – USO is seeking volunteers to man the USO lounge at BWI. These lounges are a great place to have available when military members have layovers or unexpected airport delays. They offer assistance in most any type of situation.
- Next mtg – 16 SEP 04 (1130-1230) - CPO Dining Area.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- CPO Kay, CPO Couture – We wish both chiefs Fare Winds and Following Seas on their retirements.

GUEST SPEAKER: BMC George Pledger – Reviewed his distinguished career touching on his CG roots prior to his own enlistment on the shores of North Carolina. (1948-1981 CG service including OINC of cutters; challenges as African-American Coastie; and fighting fire aboard then ENS Thad Allen's cutter) BMC also offers sea stories of childhood aboard Station Pea Island and the Beach Patrols during WWII.

Moment of Silence

Meeting Adjourned: 1300