

Chief Petty Officer Association
Washington DC Chapter
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Meeting Minutes/Newsletter
19 JUN 02

IN ATTENDANCE:

CPO Kay
MCPO Reid
CPO Paschal
CPO Hall
CWO Kruska
CWO Betty Splain (Ret- Spar) guest

Call to Order at 0920

Guests

- CWO Betty Splain (Ret-Spar)

Treasurer's Report – Not given

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flags Across America – CPO Ed Kruska, Chair

- FAA is really spreading across the country with great success. Actually the success has been so good that it is too much for CWO Kruska to keep up with and he is looking for anyone willing to assist him with this great program.
- CWO Kruska received a letter from the Richmond area about what they are doing. They have modified the flag to have both the American and Coast Guard flag together for placement at local Coast Guard gravesites. They had found a few old gravesites at a local cemetery and were happy to acknowledge them with their flag design.
- The date of November 9, 2002 has been set for placing the CG flags at Arlington Cemetery for the Veterans Day celebration.

Leadership Series – Vacant, Chair

- Since MCPO Keenan retirement, this position has been vacant. We are looking for any enthusiastic volunteers to take charge of this highly successful program.

Southwest Community House – MCPO Linda Reid, Chair

- Next event is the senior's picnic on June 20th. The CPOA donated money for food and the use of a large tent for keep the seniors out of the sun.

- Future events – Last year the SWCH did a family picnic in August and the CPOA donated school supplies for the children.

Remembrance – MCPO Edna Doak, Chair

- No report

CCTI – MCPO Linda Reid, Chair

- Next is in October
- So far have 4 PCPO's on the list.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Uniform Exchange**

- Sponsored by DC CPOA. Located in the Chief's mess extended for a two week period because it was so successful.
- Raise \$50 for the CPOA National Emergency Relief Fund.
- Left over uniforms were shipped to MAST.

• **MCPOCG Change of Watch**

- July 15, 2002 at TISCOM
- CPOA had voted on the cake donation. MCPO Reid will check on the status of this.

• **Chief's Farewell Picnic**

- The summer has been extremely busy so the picnic has been changed to a welcome to new Chiefs to be held in September.

• **President's Outstanding Chapter Award**

- MCPO Reid and CPO Paschal working on assembling the package for submission. June 30th ends the year.
- There is a new process for submitting entries in the packages and this has required extra work. MCPO Reid has created a template to use for future events which simplify next years package.

• **National Convention Program Ad**

- MCPO Reid has taken care of the convention program ad.

• **Movie Showing**

- The plan is to show the serial movie *SOS Coast Guard* in its entirety over the period of a few weeks after the summer rush and leave.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Resolutions From National Office For 2002 Convention**

- Votes yes on two resolutions that will be voted on at the convention.

• **Convention Delegate**

- MCPO Reid will be the Washington DC chapter delegate

• **BIG Event**

- June 27th MCPO Mitchell is involved and is representing the CPOA. He is still looking for volunteers.

• **Coast Guard Day Picnic**

- Looking for volunteers among the Chiefs.
- Contact Chief Paschal 202-267-1333 if interested.
- **Reserve Enlisted Association (REA)**
 - MCPO Reid was contacted to assist with this and pass the word. There is currently no organization that represents the enlisted reserves. It is in the works to develop the REA, which would work with all military service reserve forces, and be a voice on Capitol Hill for enlisted reserve issues.
 - There is a Reserve Officer Association (ROA) to represent the Officers. The ROA is part of the group trying to establish the REA.
- **Betty Splain (Ret-SPAR)**
 - Betty talked about the Wash DC Cherry Blossom Festival held each spring. She has a friend, Barbara Erlich that is involved with the lighted boat parade event during the festival. This event has had tremendous growth over the last few years and is in need for more volunteers. She thought this would be a great opportunity for the Coast Guard to get involved with the festival.
 - The Chiefs asked Betty if it would be possible for Barbara to give a presentation to the Chiefs during one of our meetings. Betty said she was sure she could arrange this with Barbara.
 - Betty told a few stories about life as a SPAR in HQ during WWII.
 - Betty also enlightened us on the SPAR song!
- **Next Meeting**
 - July 25th 11:30 Chiefs Mess

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Happy birthday to CWO Betty Splain (Ret-SPAR)

Moment of Silence

Meeting Adjourned at 1026