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WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER**



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Dear CWO3 Maher,

The members of the Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA), Washington, DC Chapter wish to thank you and the members of the Chief Warrant Officers Association for the support you have given our USCG Flags Across America program over the last two years.

In late 2002, CWOA funded a 10-foot glossy banner for our Veterans Day event at Arlington National Cemetery. Since then, the banner has been used at a variety of events, including fundraisers, booths and parades. One of the program's proudest moments this year was marching in the Coast Guard Festival parade in Grand Haven, Mich. for the first time. The banner was "up front and center" and carried by two Coast Guard SPARs who served in World War II -- they were thrilled to be able to carry the banner! We plan to march in this year's Festival parade as well on Aug. 7, 2004 and the banner will once again be front and center!

We also thank the CWOA for helping co-sponsor and fund this year's Veterans Day event at Arlington National Cemetery. Due to CWO A's generous support, we were able to provide coffee and rolls at our pre-event registration -- very much appreciated by those who attended on a chilly November day.

Please know that you and the Chief Warrant Officers Association made a significant contribution toward the building of our program to the point where it is now receiving national recognition. I look forward to working with you and seeing you at many more Coast Guard and USCG Flags Across America events during 2004 (see schedule enclosed). Happy Holidays and have a prosperous 2004.

Sincerely,

CWO2 Edward J. Kruska,
Chairman, USCG Flags Across America
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Enc: USCG Flags Across America 2004 Schedule of Events
Coast Guard Festival Parade 2003 Photo