

**Nomination of
CWO3(F&S) MARK T. TAHTINEN, USCG
for
Chief Petty Officer Association National Treasurer**

I am seeking your vote to continue to serve as National Treasurer of the Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA). One of the most important positions within our Association, the Treasurer is entrusted to be the Chief Financial Officer, overseeing the management of the CPOA's annual budget and providing sound financial guidance to the National Board of Directors and the National Office staff.

During my terms, I have used my expertise as a Storekeeper/Budget Analyst to produce the accurate drafts of the Annual Budgets for consideration at the National Convention, and have shared my financial expertise with the Board of Directors to ensure that they are able to speak knowledgeably about the proposed budget and how it was generated. I have worked hard to be fully engaged with the budget process, providing timely updates and reports on the fiscal well-being of our Association. My input during the selection and implementation of our new accounting software, as well as the transition to our Association's new accounting firm, helped to ensure that the necessary checks and balances are in place, guaranteeing proper oversight of our financial processes.

Having served as a former Treasurer (2009), VP (2010) and President (2011) of Lone Star (Formerly Galveston Chapter) Chapter, and as a Silver Lifetime Member, I am dedicated to making a positive impact on our Association. If reelected, I will continue to work to protect our assets by reducing expenses and recommending improvements to our financial processes and functions. I am asking for your vote so I can continue to serve.

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CPOA National Treasurer**