



Gold Lifetime Member #38

SCPO Jon R. Ostrowski United States Coast Guard, Retired

Senior Chief Ostrowski joined the CPOA in January 2006 and is a Silver Lifetime Member. He served as Treasurer of the LA/LB Chapter, and later as President and Vice President of the Washington DC Chapter, where twice during his Presidency they won Chapter of the year, raised \$120K to restore the Coast Guard WWI Memorial, doubled sponsorship for the Chapter and increased Chapter membership by 10%. While in DC, was also instrumental in the development of a local CG Enlisted Association Branch.

In 2018, Senior Chief Ostrowski was elected as National President and subsequently served two consecutive terms. Senior Chief Ostrowski recognized the CPOA's need to advance with the ever-changing business world, including the need to upgrade our membership platform to a modernized, self-service system. After searching several platforms, and ensuring it was the most cost-effective system to serve our membership, CPOA decided on Internet for Associations (I4A). Working with our Membership Coordinator and Executive Director, Senior Chief Ostrowski spent countless hours on the installation, programing and execution of the service. Furthermore, Senior Chief Ostrowski implemented the use of virtual monthly meetings for the Board of Directors, which resulted in a year-round productivity from leadership.

During his tenure as National President, Senior Chief Ostrowski oversaw the implementation of a dues increase and improvement of our National Budget. He was instrumental in the negotiation of multiple corporate sponsorships, including First Command Financial Services, resulting in exceptional value to our association including an annual contribution of \$2500.00 for the Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund.

Senior Chief Ostrowski envisioned an increase in attendance and membership growth and has achieved such by working to host annual Convention in locations more appealing to our members and their families as a possible combination vacation site. During his time, we held an annual convention for the first time in the Coast Guard City of Grand Haven, Michigan in conjunction with the week-long Coast Guard Festival. CPOA later held an inaugural convention underway, onboard the Cruise Ship Ovation of the Seas. These two events stand to show what is possible for our members.

During his six years as National President, Senior Chief Ostrowski displayed excellent leadership and professionalism while overseeing the daily operation of a 10,000-member Association. As a true professional, he ensured the membership of CPOA was well represented by his tireless attendance at a multitude of events throughout his tenure. Senior Chief Ostrowski has displayed a dedicated commitment to this association and is in keeping with the highest standards of the Chief Petty Officers Association.