

Crystal Coast Chief's Newsletter

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The Crystal Coast Chief's mess conducted a meeting on 13 July 2007 at the Smokehouse Restaurant in Holly Ridge, NC.

0900 Meeting opened with Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of new Chiefs.

Captain Lee sent a special thanks to the mess for some "jobs well done". He specifically thanked the following Chiefs for the following events:

BMCM Dawn Smith: Open house at Station Oak Island
BMCS Eric Floyd: Military Appreciation Day
BMC Jeremy McConnell: 2nd Annual Crystal Coast Softball Tournament
SKC Loretta Sassin: 1st Annual Sector Health Fair

Old Business:

Softball Tournament: This year's softball tourney was a HUGE success.

Treasury spent \$1924.67 to "get the ball(s) rolling" so to speak. Treasury took in \$3287.32 for a profit of \$1362.65. Half of the profit will go to charity and the other half will go to the mess.

We learned some lessons: we underestimated the amount of food to buy for the concession stand-had to make numerous runs to the local grocery for "refills". A big thanks to OCCS Ed Spainhower and OSC Keith Kalseim for their repeated trips. The Home Run Derby and the kids bounce house were two additions to this year's tourney and were both a homerun! The command tent was very helpful and is a must for future tournaments. We will try to incorporate different brackets for the traveling teams and the local small boat stations. We will continue to add and improve to make this the absolute best tournament in the country!!

A special thanks goes out to BMCS Scott Hooley for searing off his eyebrows and his burned finger tips! Scott spent the entire day at the grill. **THANKS Scott!**

The tourney will be held in June every year here after. Will try to keep it away from Father's Day weekend.

There will be an ALCOAST to announce this event next year. Photos from the tourney will be submitted to the Chief's Magazine by OSCS Ed Spainhower.

CPOA Shirts: MSTC Todd Mann has located another supplier. The new guy can make the shirts for about the same price. A smaller design was recommended and approved. He is still working with the vendor to get a "final product" for approval. It was suggested that we consider screen printed shirts as well.

Outgoing gift: Will be a framed print with a large mat for signing. OSCS Ed Spainhower has the prints and will work on getting the frames and mats.

Baby Gifts: The mess is still sponsoring a gift to all E-5 and below of a Walmart gift card or an embroidered blanket with the newborn's info. Contact MKCS John Burkee for the Walmart card and SKC Loretta Sassin for the blanket.

Sailor of the Quarter: Just remember to submit your nominations to SKC Loretta Sassin by the deadline and also vote when the time comes regardless of whether you submitted an entry.

Fall CCTI: No date set as of yet. PCPO's will receive their instruction package 45 days out vice 30. This will give them the time they need to complete their PQS.

New Business:

Increased Attendance: It was brought to the table that we would like to increase attendance to the monthly chief's calls and the functions the mess sponsors. Ideas that were suggested are:

- *Separate "Chief's Call" from CPOA
 - *Open invitations to CWO's (who are already WELCOME)
 - *Combine Chief's call and CPOA on same day with one following the other at same location
 - *Try to get ALL Chief's including Reservists, CWO, retirees.
- Anyone that has any other good ideas please bring them to the next meeting.
Topic was tabled until next month .

Fair Winds and Following Seas to BMCM Dawn Smith. Good luck, Master Chief at your new assignment of Command Master Chief. That's going to be a BIG change of pace.

Meeting dismissed @1015