

United States Coast Guard CPOA (34th) / CPOAA (24th) / CGEA (3rd) Annual National Convention



August 2002 – Memphis, TN



A BIG Welcome to Memphis!

MEMPHIS

*Home of the Blues
Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll*

to all CPOA, CPOAA, and CGEA

members, spouses and guests.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Memphis while you are here. When you think of Memphis, three things immediately come to mind: blues, barbecue and Beale Street, but many other attractions are located in the area, including gambling at Tunica, MS (about 30 miles south). Memphis is known as "Home of the Blues" and the "Birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll". The city overlooks the Mississippi River and offers historic points of interest, from an Indian village to civil war landmarks. Other attractions include superb museums, performing arts and a variety of fine restaurants, especially barbecue restaurants. Memphis is known as the "Pork Barbecue Capital of the World." The hotel is situated within 1.2 miles of some 40 restaurants. Not bad, eh? Plus, the hotel restaurant, itself, has some great food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. When available, the hotel will provide transportation to area restaurants. Throughout your stay you will find southern hospitality abounds with everyone you encounter.

Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley, THE King of Rock 'n' Roll, is second only to the White House in the number of visitors who tour the private residence. Music fans may want to visit Sun Studio to see where legends such as B. B. King, Ike Turner, Jerry Lee Lewis, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley recorded songs that made them stars. Tours are offered hourly and visitors are invited to record a song on a souvenir tape. Then there is the Historic Beale Street, rated second only to Bourbon Street in New Orleans, as the most popular entertainment district in the US. Local tours are available for small groups and can be arranged through the hotel. The schedule depends on their airport schedule.

We, the Convention Committee, will assist you in any way possible to make your stay here memorable, fun-filled and productive. Our office is on the second floor, and easy to find. While you are here, please ask your Convention Chairman (Dick Wells) any questions about arrangements or schedules. For hotel problems, please ask the front desk.

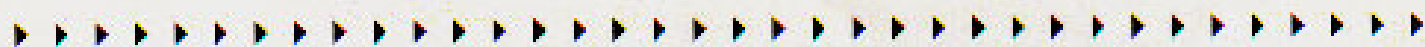
Again - welcome to Memphis!!!

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Introducing, on the opposite page, the new USCG CPOA CONVENTION emblem. It will be used on the committee's business cards, stationary, web site, etc., as well as be the center of this and all future convention logos. We kept it similar to the CPOA emblem yet unique for our purposes, with things like - a colored shield, the map of all 50 states plus Puerto Rico and the stars are point down (as for E-8 and E-9). [Thanks to Lisa Tarrants of the CPOAA Elizabeth City Unit and Joe D'Elia]

Welcome to the



Memphis, TN
August 26-30, 2002



Admiral Thomas H. Collins
Commandant
United States Coast Guard

Admiral Thomas H. Collins assumed the duties as Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard in 2002. His other Flag Officer experience includes: Vice Commandant from 2000 to 2002; Commander Pacific Area/Commander Eleventh Coast Guard District in Alameda, CA 1998-2000; Commander, 14th Coast Guard District in Honolulu, HI from 1996 to 1998; and Chief, Office of Acquisition at Coast Guard Headquarters from 1994 to 1996.

Admiral Collins' pre-flag experiences include tours in a wide variety of operational and staff assignments. He began his Coast Guard career in 1968 as a deck watch officer and first lieutenant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter VIGILANT. Following this assignment, he served a two-year tour as Commanding Officer of a 95-foot patrol boat, CAPE MORGAN, in Charleston, SC. From 1980 to 1983 he served as Deputy Group Commander, St. Petersburg, FL, and commanded Coast Guard Group and Captain of the Port, Long Island Sound, located in New Haven, CT (1987 to 1990).

He also served as program and budget officer, Office of Research and Development; Administration Division Chief, 14th District Office, Honolulu, HI; and as Program Reviewer (1983 to 1987) and Chief, Programs Division (1992 to 1994) at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC. Prior to his promotion to Flag Officer in 1994, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Collins graduated from the Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, in 1968 and served as a faculty member within the Humanities Department from 1972 to 1976. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University in 1972 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Haven, CT, in 1976. The Admiral is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards).

A native of Stoughton, MA, Admiral Collins is married and has two daughters.



MCPO CHARLES W. BOWEN

Interim
Master Chief Petty Officer
of the
United States Coast Guard

Master Chief Charles W. Bowen attended basic training at Cape May, NJ in 1978. His first assignment was to a patrol boat, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT SWIFT in Clearwater, FL. From there he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Marathon in the Florida Keys just in time for the Mariel, Cuba boatlift in 1980. A subsequent assignment at Station Fort Pierce, FL was followed by another patrol boat, this time the newly commissioned U.S. Coast Guard Cutter FARALLON, out of Miami. From South Florida he traveled to the Mid-Atlantic seaboard to join the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT ARENA as the Executive Petty Officer. Upon advancing to Chief Petty Officer he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of Station New Haven, CT in June 1990. Following a successful tour at New Haven, he was transferred to Station Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, FL in 1994. In 1997, it was back to the Northeast where he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT TURNER in Newport, RI until her decommissioning in April 1998. During May, 1998 he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter HAMMERHEAD based in Woods Hole, MA and the first of the High Tech 87 foot Patrol Boats on the East Coast. From 1999 to 2001 Master Chief Bowen served as the District Seven Command Master Chief. In May 2002 Master Chief Bowen graduated with distinction from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy and received his Bachelor's Degree from Excelsior College. While at the Academy, he was selected as one of the few non-Army students ever to serve as a class Vice President. Upon graduation, he was awarded the prestigious, "William G. Bainbridge Chair of Ethics Award."

Master Chief Bowen's personal awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, four Meritorious Team Commendation Awards, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations, seven Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations and the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon with two stars.



MCPO Carlos Najera
Command Master Chief
Eighth Coast Guard District (WEST)

Master Chief Carlos Najera assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the Eighth Coast Guard District (West), New Orleans, Louisiana in May 2001. He reported from the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command (ISC) in New Orleans in the Force Optimization and Training Branch (FOT) where his primary focus was in the Career Development Advisor Program assisting members of the Coast Guard family (i.e. active duty, reservist, civilians, auxiliary, and dependents). Master Chief Najera has a strong background in the human resource management arena, the pay and personnel procedures, the advancement system, the travel and transportation systems, benefits, entitlements, and decedents affairs. He is also a strong supporter/participant of the Chief Petty Officers Association, American Legion (Post 185), Non-Commission Officers Association, and the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree). On July 2000, Master Chief Carlos Najera volunteered and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Non-Commission Officers Association where he represents the Coast Guard's Enlisted Voice.

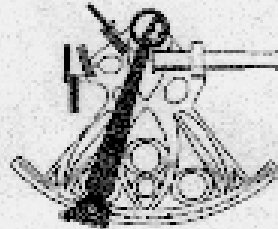
A native of San Antonio, Texas, MCPO Carlos Najera enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in January of 1978. After graduating from Yeoman Class "A" school, his first assignment was at the Second Coast Guard District in St. Louis, MO. Other duty stations included – the CG Institute, CG Air Station Houston, CGC POLAR SEA (WAGB-11), CG Group Humboldt Bay, CG Human Resources Service & Information Center in Topeka, KS and the Integrated Support Command Seattle (PERSRU).

MCPO Najera's awards include five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, a Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, the Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, a Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, a Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon, five Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons, a Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbon, a Coast Guard "E" Ribbon, Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation Ribbon, Seven Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Antarctica Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, a Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon, the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon, the Coast Guard Sharpshooter Rifle, and the Coast Guard Sharpshooter Pistol. MCPO Najera was also nominated for the 1997 Douglas Munro Leadership Award. He is a graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy and the "Spirit of the Chief" Award Recipient for Class XVI.

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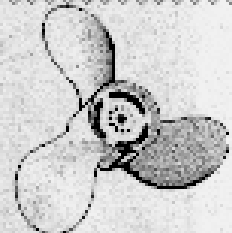
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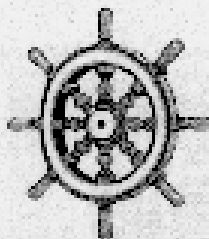
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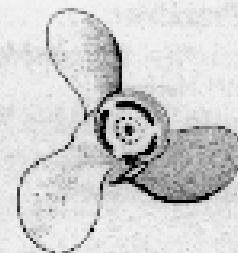
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Gold Lifetime Membership (GLM) -- Any Regular Member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary and outstanding manner as to promote and advance the welfare of fellow members, fellow member's dependent or for Community/Country may be awarded a Gold Lifetime Membership. A Gold Lifetime membership entitles the member to all rights and privileges as outlined in CPOA By-laws Section VII. Recommendations for GLM are subject to review and approval by the Gold Lifetime Membership Selection Committee.

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★ Deceased



HISTORY OF THE CPOA'S NATIONAL MEETINGS / CONVENTIONS

<u>Nr.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOST CHAPTER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1.	WASHINGTON, DC	WASHINGTON, DC	OCTOBER 1969
2.	GOVERNORS ISLAND, NY	NEW YORK	9/28 - 10/02/70
3.	ALAMEDA, CA	SAN FRANCISCO	9/27 - 10/01/71
4.	NEW ORLEANS, LA	NEW ORLEANS	10/04 - 10/06/72
5.	PORTSMOUTH, VA	PORTSMOUTH	10/05 - 10/07/73
6.	ST. LOUIS, MO	ST. LOUIS	10/07 - 10/12/74
7.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/04 - 8/09/75
8.	SANTA ROSA, CA	PETALUMA	8/01 - 8/07/76
9.	BALTIMORE, MD	BALTIMORE	8/07 - 8/13/77
10.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	OKLAHOMA CITY	8/13 - 8/18/78
11.	MOBILE, AL	MOBILE	8/12 - 8/17/79
12.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/18 - 8/23/80
13.	GREEN BAY, WI	GREEN BAY	8/10 - 8/14/81
14.	NORFOLK, VA	PORTSMOUTH/ELIZABETH CITY	8/23 - 8/27/82
15.	NASHVILLE, TN	CUMBERLAND	8/11 - 8/14/83
16.	SANTA ROSA, CA	PETALUMA	8/13 - 8/17/84
17.	SAN ANTONIO, TX	HOUSTON	8/12 - 8/16/85
18.	KEY WEST, FL	SOUTHERN MOST	8/11 - 8/15/86
19.	CLEVELAND, OH	CLEVELAND	8/11 - 8/15/87
20.	ST. LOUIS, MO	ST. LOUIS	8/15 - 8/19/88
21.	ORLANDO, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/21 - 8/25/89
22.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	CORPUS CHRISTI	8/13 - 8/17/90
23.	WILLIAMSBURG, VA	YORKTOWN	8/16 - 8/20/91
24.	LAS VEGAS, NV	SAN DIEGO/LAS VEGAS	8/17 - 8/21/92
25.	WASHINGTON, DC	WASHINGTON, DC	8/17 - 8/20/93
26.	SEATTLE, WA	SEATTLE	8/22 - 8/26/94
27.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	CORPUS CHRISTI	8/20 - 8/25/95
28.	LAS VEGAS, NV	LAS VEGAS MAVERICKS	8/19 - 8/23/96
29.	CLEVELAND, OH	NORTH COAST	8/24 - 8/29/97
30.	MOBILE, AL	MOBILE	8/31 - 9/04/98
31.	LAS VEGAS, NV	LAS VEGAS MAVERICKS	8/15 - 8/20/99
32.	MOBILE, AL	MOBILE	8/28 - 9/01/00
33.	TULSA, OK	NATIONAL	8/20 - 8/24/01
34.	MEMPHIS, TN	NATIONAL	8/26 - 8/30/02

History of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer

The words ... "Go Ask the Chief" ... have resounded throughout the U.S. Coast Guard since the establishment of the enlisted rank of Chief Petty Officer.

The 66th U.S. Congress officially approved and established the Coast Guard's Chief Petty Officer grade on 18 May 1920. The Coast Guard adopted the Navy's rate structure and its Chiefs inherited equal status with their Navy counterparts. The "Chief" captured a place in Coast Guard history.

The rich nautical origin of the Chief Petty Officer can be traced back to 1 April 1893, when the Navy created the rank of Chief Petty Officer. Earlier use of the title "Chief" dates back to 1865 during the Civil War era. At that time, Cooks were promoted to "Chief" Cook (meaning the highest in ranking or authority).

In 1915, the merger of the Revenue Cutter Service and the U. S. Life Saving Service into the modern Coast Guard brought about many changes. When the "Surfman" of the Life Saving Service and the "Petty Officer" of the Revenue Cutter Service clashed over who was in charge, the Coast Guard realized there was a need to establish a position of higher authority—the "Chief" then secured a permanent place in the chain of command.

The first Coast Guard Chiefs were the former Station Keepers of Life Saving Stations. They were given the title Chief boatswains' mate (CBM) with an (L) for "Lifesaving" attached to their rate to distinguish them from their seagoing counterparts.

The initial ratings of the Chief Petty Officer, as they first appeared in U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters Regulations, General Order No. 43, Article 817, dated 18 May 1920, were: **Seaman Branch** - Chief boatswains' mate, Chief gunners mate and Chief quartermaster; **Artificer Branch** - Chief machinists' mate, Chief electrician, Chief carpenters' mate, Chief water tender and Chief storekeeper; **Special Branch** - Chief commissary steward, Chief yeomen and Chief pharmacists' mate.

The first uniforms of the Chief Petty Officer appeared in the 1922 Coast Guard Headquarters Uniform Regulations. They were similar in design to the Navy's with a Coast Guard distinguishing mark, a shield one inch in height, on the arm midway between the wrist and elbow.

The trade mark of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer, "The Anchor," was inherited from the

Revenue Cutter Service. The fouled anchor with a shield superimposed to its shank (the emblem of the Officers of the Revenue Cutter Service) is still worn on the shoulder boards of Coast Guard Flag Officers.

The anchor is the identifying authority of the Chief Petty Officer and is emblematic of a Chief. It represents stability and security. It reminds Chiefs of their responsibility to keep those they serve safe from harm's way.

The historical significance of the shield dates back to the Revenue Cutter Service, when the U. S. Congress added the shield to the ensign in 1799 to distinguish cutters from other naval vessels. The 13 stars and 13 stripes on the shield represent the 13 original colonies.

The chain, symbolic of flexibility and strength, reminds Chiefs that the chain of life is forged day-by-day, link-by-link. The chain also represents the reliance of one CPO on another to get a job completed, and stresses that every Chief should endeavor not to be the weak link in the chain.

The chain fouled around the anchor represents the "Sailor's disgrace," and reminds Chiefs there may be times when circumstances are beyond their control in the performance of duty, yet a Chief must complete the task.

A white combination hat, known as "The Hat," with an anchor above the brim became the rite of passage for all First Class Petty Officers promoted to Chief. When they left behind their "Cracker Jacks" and "Dixie Cups" and donned a new uniform, "The Hat" became the trademark of the Coast Guard Chief. Today, the combination hat represents leadership and authority, and is the only cover allowed to be worn by students attending the Chief Petty Officers Academy. At one point, Khakis became a trademark of the Chief, but they were eventually replaced by Beeder Blues.

Despite the lack of historical records identifying the first Chief Petty Officers, it can be said that many Chiefs have served with honor, respect and devotion to duty in the finest traditions of the U.S. Coast Guard for over 80 years.

Editor's Note: The information in this article was contributed from several sources including G.M.C. Ken Farsak, Cleveland, Ohio, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard's Office and Scott Price, Historian's Office, U. S. Coast Guard Headquarters.

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Chief Petty Officers Association Formation and Reformation

In 1933, the Chief Petty Officers organized themselves into an association that would make their issues and concerns known to Coast Guard Headquarters. It was an effort of small groups gathered along district lines. They did not initially receive full endorsement from CGHQ. However, the Association went forward anyway and in December 1933, met at the War Memorial Building in Baltimore, Md. This meeting was described as "the most significant of any previous meeting in the affairs of CPOs and the real corner stone of the organization was laid." However, the actual establishment date was March 25, 1933, at the Coast Guard Depot at Curtis Bay, Md., which allowed Curtis Bay to lay claim to being the first CPOA chapter in the Coast Guard.

They organized to "encourage fidelity, integrity to the Service and better understanding and fellowship, and to advance the best interests of the enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard, especially of those associated as members of this organization, and to extend all possible relief to their widows and children; to foster the cultivation of military discipline and true allegiance to the United States of America...."

The framers of the CPO Constitution drew their constitutional ideal from the U.S. Constitution and adopted the motto "Ut Prosimus" meaning: "That we may be of Service." There were 29 charter members in March 1933.

The CPOA was re-founded in 1969 after being disbanded during World War II. ADM Willard J. Smith officially recognized CPOA on April 7, 1969. CPOA now has 45 chapters nationwide with approximately 9,500 members.



Preamble of the Chief Petty Officers Association Auxiliary

Remembering God:

That our aim is to assist our Chiefs in their endeavors with understanding,
kindness, strength, and love.

We will always remember and uphold the goals and standards of the United States Coast Guard,
the Chief Petty Officers Association, and the Chief Petty Officers Association Auxiliary.

We ask God that we are always able to carry out our duties to the Coast Guard, to the Chiefs, to
the Auxiliary, and to Community in a manner that reflects Your love for all.

Remember also those who served and returned to You.

History of the CPOAA

The National Board of Directors and the National Council of the United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association assembled at the Sixth Annual Convention in St. Louis, Missouri on 10 October 1974 and authorized establishment of a CPOA Auxiliary Unit for each Chartered Chapter of the Association. The Charter was presented on 14 October 1974.

The CPOAA delegates assembled at the Ninth Annual CPOA Convention in Baltimore, Maryland on 10 August 1977 and elected the Pro-Tem Officers for the Auxiliary. The Pro-Tem Officers were Jean Schott - President, Joyce Ford - Vice-President, Yvonne Smith - Secretary.

The first National Meeting was held on 14 August 1978 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The meeting was held for the purpose of appointing committees and the instillation of the newly elected National Officers. Six of the eight established Units were in attendance. The newly elected officers were installed with the elected CPOA Officers on 17 August 1978. The first elected officers were Jean Schott - President, Joyce Ford - Vice-President, Yvonne Smith - Secretary and Jessie Gypp - Treasurer.

The first session of the CPOA Auxiliary Convention was held on 13 August 1979 in Mobile, Alabama. The National CPOA Auxiliary By-Laws and Standing Rules were accepted by the Board of Directors and submitted to the CPOA National Council for approval.

On 15 August 1991, the Auxiliary established a National Education Award to benefit its members and the spouses of the Chief Petty Officers Association. The funds for this award are raised by the National Sweepstakes run by the Auxiliary each year. The Auxiliary currently has 214 members and 8 active Units. From its humble beginning in 1974, the Auxiliary has continued to grow with the goal to carry on the drive and vision of the first members and to improve and insure the future of the Auxiliary. We look forward to the future and continued success of the Auxiliary.

National CPOAA Officers 2000-2002



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Kathy was born in Wilmington, NC and raised in Carolina Beach, NC; a small beach community outside of Wilmington. She graduated in 1972 from John T. Hoggard High School in Wilmington. She met her husband-to-be 11 years ago and had their first date on Coast Guard Day - 4 August 1990. They were married on 22 December 1990, thus becoming a Coast Guard family.

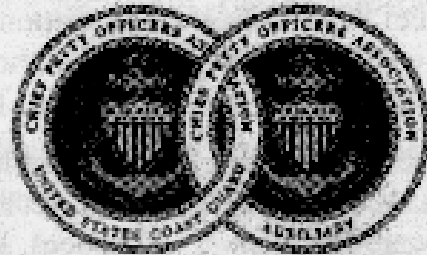
Kathy joined the CPOAA in March 1993 at Governors Island, NY. They were then transferred to Cape May, NJ where she became active in the CPOAA. She held several board positions while at Cape May, attended her first convention in 1995 in Corpus Christi, TX and was elected to the office of National Vice - President the following year in Las Vegas. In 1998, Kathy was elected to the office of National President and continues to hold that office while living in Elizabeth, City, NC.



Vice President & Membership

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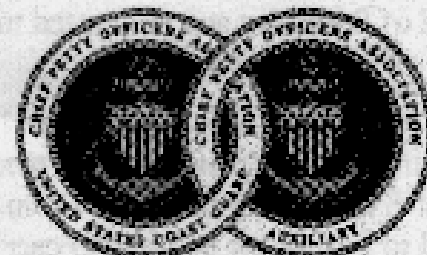
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Laurie and her husband, Paul (MKC Kollar, Ret.) "escaped" NJ and returned last August to their hometown of Minneapolis, MN. She has a BA Degree with a concentration in Business Management and is employed with Prime Mortgage Corporation. She is also attending school studying massage therapy.

Laurie joined the CPOAA, Cape May Unit in 1992. An active member, she has served on several committees/ events. They include: Meals on Wheels, Publicist, Education Award (founder), Softball concession stand, Program, Hail & Farewell and Sick & Distressed. Laurie has held Office positions as President for two terms and Secretary. She served as a Unit delegate at her first convention in Corpus Christi, seven years ago. Currently Laurie is a member of the Green Bay Unit and looks forward to getting to know their members.

With a background in business, Laurie enjoys her role as the National CPOAA Treasurer. She has held the position for the past two terms. She especially enjoys raising funds for the National CPOAA Sweepstakes, which supports their Education Award Program. As part of the team that supports all Units, Laurie's involvement and commitment to the organization is a strong one.

Other non-profit interests of Laurie's include the MS Society. This spring she raised \$1,200 and coordinated a team to bicycle 30 miles to raise funds for MS.



Immediate Past President

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Kolleen and her husband, Jim (SKC Youker, Ret.) both originate from Saginaw, MI. They have one son who is a member of the Elizabeth City Unit and is an Executive Chef at Macaroni Grill in Durham, NC, one daughter-in-law, and three grand dogs. The Coast Guard has been a part of Kolleen's life since May 1972.

Since becoming part of the Coast Guard family 29 years ago, Kolleen has worked 19 years for the Coast Guard. She is currently Secretary to the Comptroller at the Aircraft Repair and Supply Center in Elizabeth City, NC.

Kolleen joined the CPOAA, ECity Unit in 1990. She has chaired several committees, some of which are: the Annual Spaghetti Dinner, Children's Christmas Party, Santa's visit to the local hospital, the Coast Guard Angel Tree Program, and a luncheon for the Commandant's wife, Mrs. Kramek. She has also assisted with the Auxiliary bingo concession, the Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy, the Chapter's entertainment events, Toys for Tots breakfast and the shopping for toys, CCTI Dinners, Installation of Officer's Committee, etc.

Kolleen served as the Unit President for 1-1/2 terms beginning in 1994, and as a Unit Delegate at her first convention in Corpus Christi in 1995. She was elected as the National Auxiliary President in August 1996 in Las Vegas. She is currently the IPP and has chaired the National Auxiliary Education Award for the past three years.

National CGEA Officers 2000-2002



Pro-Tem President
BMI Keith L. Endicott
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Keith has 18 years active duty service. He has served aboard three cutters, two small boat stations, LEDET's and is currently an instructor at Maritime Law Enforcement School at Training Center Yorktown, VA. PO Endicott has been involved in the CGEA for the past four years. In addition to being a very supportive and active member of the CGEA, he has held the previous positions of Vice President and President of the Colonial Branch. He served as the first National CGEA Vice President (Pro-Tem) and is currently serving as the Pro-Tem President.



Pro-Tem Vice President
BMI Charles "Lee" Schmitz

Lee has 17 years service with the Coast Guard. His previous billets include three small boat stations, an ANT, a patrol boat and a MSO. He is currently an instructor with the Marine Safety Port Operations School at Training Center Yorktown, VA. He has been an active member of the CGEA for three years serving as the Vice President and is currently the Chairman for the BOD of the Colonial Branch. At the NCPOA convention in Mobile, AL Lee stepped up in time of need and volunteered to assume the vacant position of National Vice President. Besides the fact that he is a great "volunteer", he brings a lot of energy and great ideas to the growth of the association.



Pro-Tem Secretary/Treasurer
PO Shawn Harrington

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Shawn is currently stationed at the Aircraft Repair & Supply Center (ARSC) in Elizabeth City, N.C. He has been in the Coast Guard for almost 9 years. He is a single parent of a 7-year-old son, Davion. Shawn has been stationed in the CGC ESCAPE, CGC VINDICATOR, at the old Supply Center Curtis Bay, MD (now the Engineering Logistics Center [ELC]), and presently at ARSC Elizabeth City, NC. He has served as Secretary and President of the Baltimore CGEA Branch; started the Elizabeth City CGEA Branch in 1999 and now as the National CGEA Secretary/Treasurer.

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A Famous Chief - Victor Mature

Victor John Joseph Mature
Born January 29, 1913 – Died August 4, 1999



Leading Actor of the 40's and 50's, Victor Mature was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the son of an Austrian/Greek scissors grinder who went on to a successful manufacturing business. Early in his youth, Mature decided that he wanted acting as a career, much to the concern of his parents. His some 70 films include John Ford's "My Darling Clementine" (1946), "Kiss of Death" (1947), "Samson and Delilah" (1949), "The Robe" (1954) and "The Egyptian" (1954).

Mature enlisted in the Coast Guard in 1942 after trying to enlist in the Navy. The Navy told the actor he was colorblind and wouldn't enlist him, but the Coast Guard took more interest in the actor and had him re-tested and enlisted him immediately. Mature



enlisted as a seaman recruit and immediately reported to the Cutter *STORIS* in Boston Harbor. Known in Hollywood as "beautiful hunk of man", his Coast Guard shipmates, who took an immediate liking to the unpretentious actor, dubbed him "hunk of junk". Mature worked hard, eventually working his way up to Chief Boatswain Mate. Between tours of sea duty, Mature appeared at Bond rallies for the Coast Guard eventually starring in the Coast

Guard show "Tars and Spars", a morale show that toured the country during WWII. After the war he returned to acting but made his mark in real estate. He died of cancer on Coast Guard Day 1999.

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OPENING CEREMONY

MC: MKC Derrick Schlieper, USCG (Ret.)

Seating of Honored Guests and Visitors

Annual National Convention Convenes

Presentation of ColorsUSCG Group Memphis

Invocation

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National Anthem U. S. Navy Band – Mid-South

Recitation of CPOA PreambleCPOA President, BMCS Timothy A. Trimble

Recitation of CPOAA Preamble..... CPOAA President, Kathy Phelps

Crossed the Bar Memorial Service

Introduction of Honored Guests and current National CPOA, CPOAA & CGEA Officers

Introduction of Past National Presidents

Introduction of Gold Lifetime Members

Outstanding Chapter AwardsCPOA President, BMCS Timothy A. Trimble

Outstanding Unit Awards CPOAA President, Kathy Phelps

Awards / Special Presentations

Keynote SpeakerADM Thomas H. Collins, COMDT

End of ceremony

Dedicated to Gorgeous George

A man knocked at heaven's gate
His face was scarred and old.
He stood before the man of fate
For admission to his fold.

What have you done, St. Peter asked
To gain admission here?

I served with the U.S. Coast Guard, sir
For many and many a year.

The pearly gate swung open wide,
St. Peter touched the bell.

Come in and choose your harp, he said
You've had your share of hell.

Your pepperoni & jalapeno pizza pal.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

Sunday, 25 August

- 1200 - 1700 Check-in and Late Registration (Convention Office)
1700 President's Reception in the Hospitality Room

Monday, 26 August

- 0700 - 0830 Check-in and Late Registration (Convention Office)
0900 Convention Convenes
0900 - 1100 Opening Ceremonies
1100 Official Photos Session
1200 - 1330 Past Presidents Luncheon
1400 - 1700 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA
1730 Parliamentary Procedures Familiarization

Tuesday, 27 August

- 0800 - 1130 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA
1130 - 1300 Lunch Break (Area Restaurants)
1300 - 1700 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA

Wednesday, 28 August

- 0800 - 1130 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA
1130 Free Afternoon

Thursday, 29 August

- 0800 - 1130 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA
1130 - 1300 Lunch Break (Area Restaurants)
1300 - 1600 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA

Grand Military Ball

- 1800 - 1900 Cocktails (No host)
1900 Dinner
2030 Guest Speaker
2100 - 0100 CPOA Ball with live band

Friday, 30 August

- 0800 - 1100 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA followed by Closing Ceremonies

CG HISTORICAL THINGS

"SEMPER PARATUS"

It is unknown when the USCG adopted the motto "Always Ready". The first known connection of the phrase with the USCG came during the Civil War and was published in the 26 November 1864 issue of the Army and Navy Journal. The achievements of the Revenue Cutter Service was praised with the following sentence – "Keeping always under steam and ever ready, in the event of extraordinary need, to render valuable service, the Cutters can be made to form a Coast Guard whose value it is impossible at the present time to estimate." The motto also appeared on the official stationery of Captain Charles F. Shoemaker, Chief of the Revenue Cutter Service, on 5 May 1897.

Month by Month

January

12-1923 - Title "Commandant" authorized. He was to be selected from active list of line officers not below grade of Commander.

17-1832 - Secretary McLane discontinued practice of using Naval Officers in Revenue Marine - Ordered vacancies filled by promotion.

20-1914 - International Ice Patrol Convention signed.

27-1915 - Coast Guard formed by consolidating Life Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

February

16-1926 - Congress authorized Secretary of Treasury to acquire a site at New London, CT, without cost to United States, and construct thereon buildings for the United States Coast Guard Academy at a total cost not to exceed \$1,750,000.

19-1941 - Coast Guard Reserve established. Auxiliary created from former Reserve.

March

03-1905 - Congress authorized Secretary of Treasury to acquire a suitable site in the state of Maryland upon which to establish a depot for the Revenue Cutter Service; subsequently becoming the Coast Guard Yard.

03-1931 - *Star Spangled Banner* made U.S. National Anthem.

21-1791 - Hopley Yeaton of New Hampshire commissioned as "Master of a Cutter in the Service of the United States for the Protection of the Revenue". This first commission of a seagoing officer of the United States was signed by George Washington and attested to by Thomas Jefferson. Yeaton was assigned to the Cutter SCAMMEL stationed out of Portsmouth, NH.

29-1898 - LTs Jarvis, Bertholf and Surgeon Call of the BEAR reach Point Barrow after a 2000 mile "mush" from Nunivak Island (17Dec1897) driving reindeer as food for 97 starving whalers caught in Arctic ice.

April

01-1967 - Coast Guard ended 177 yr. history with Treasury Dept., entered Dept. of Transportation.

07-1969 - USCG CPOA formed.

12-1979 - First female Commanding Officer of ANY military vessel ever: LTjg Beverly G. Kelley (now CAPT Kelley), USCGC CAPE NEWAGEN on Maui, HI. [Your Webmaster, QMCM Joe D'Elia, was the XPO]. CAPT Kelley assumed command of the USCGC BOUTWELL (WHEC-719) on 13Jul00.

12-1861 - Cutter HARRIET LANE fires 1st shot from a naval vessel in Civil War across bow of NASHVILLE, Charleston Harbor.

May

09-1862 - Cutter MIAMI landed President Lincoln on Confederate soil the day before the fall of Norfolk for reconnaissance.

11-1898 - Cutter HUDSON towed USS WINSLOW from certain destruction under Spanish forts at Cardenas, Cuba. Gold Medal of Honor conferred on LT Newcomb by Congress and Silver and Bronze Medals on his officers and crew - the ONLY medals bestowed by Congress during Spanish-American War.

17-1919 - LT Elmer Stone, USCG co-piloted Navy NC4 in first Trans-Atlantic flight.

18-1920 - USCG personnel granted same pay, allowances and increases as Navy.

23-1930 - Former Coastie Elmer Stone received a medal from Congress for extraordinary achievement in making first successful Trans-Atlantic flight.

June

11-1941 - Amendment to act creating USCG (Jan. 28, 1915) provided "The Coast Guard shall be a military service and constitute a branch of the land and naval forces of the United States at all times".

13-1942 - John Cullen, Seaman 2/c discovered Nazi saboteurs landing on beach at Amagansett, Long Island.

13-1943 - USCGC ESCANABA torpedoed off Ivigtut, Greenland with only two survivors.

15-1949 - 248 unidentified victims of the explosion of the USCG-manned SERPENS in 1945 at Guadalcanal were buried in Arlington National Cemetery in what was described as the largest recommital on record.

18-1878 - Life Saving Service created by act of Congress.

23-1939 - Congress created the Coast Guard Reserve.

July

09-1943 - Coast Guard manned ships land first troops in Sicily.

23-1947 - The Women's Reserve of the Coast Guard Reserve (SPARS) was inactivated.

August

01-1799 - Secretary of Treasury describes the ensign and pennant authorized to be flown by revenue cutters as "consisting of 16 perpendicular stripes (one for each state in the Union at that time) alternate red and white, the Union of the Ensign to be the Arms of the United States in dark blue on a white field."

04-1790 - Congress authorized building of first "ten boats" establishing the Revenue Marine. The history of the Coast Guard begins.

04-1949 - Congress approved Public Law 207, which revised, codified and enacted into law Title 14 of the United States Code, thus setting forth for the first time a clear, concise statutory statement of the duties and functions of the U. S. Coast Guard.

25-1971 - The Secretary of Transportation announced the awarding of a contract to the Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Co. of Seattle, WA "to build the world's most powerful icebreaker for the U. S. Coast Guard," the POLAR STAR, the first of the Polar Class of icebreaker.

29-1916 - Congress authorized Treasury to establish ten Coast Guard air stations but appropriated only \$7000 for an instructor and assistant. Appropriation for their construction and for planes not made until 1924.

31-1819 - Cutter ALABAMA and LOUISIANA captured Mexican privateer BRAVO in Gulf of Mexico. Later they destroyed Patterson's Town on Breton Island, a notorious pirate's den, putting an end to organized piracy on the Gulf Coast.

September

12-1941 - The Norwegian sealer BUSKOE seized by cutter NORTHLAND in MacKenzie Bay, Greenland with Nazi agents to establish radio stations. First naval capture - World War II.

14-1716 - The Boston Lighthouse on Little Brewster Island in Boston Harbor, MA (which was the first lighthouse established in America) was first exhibited.

27-1942 - Douglas A. Munro, Signalman 1/c gave his life in helping evacuate Marines at Guadalcanal. Awarded Medal of Honor posthumously. Last words: "Did they get off?"

28-1850 - An Act of Congress provided for a systematic coloring and numbering of all buoys for, prior to this time, they had been painted red, white or black, without any special system. The act "prescribed that buoys should be colored and numbered so that in entering from seaward red buoys with even numbers should be on the starboard or right hand; black buoys with odd numbers on the port or left hand."

30-1899 - First Navy wireless message sent via Lighthouse Service Station at Highlands of Navesink, NJ

30-1949 - The rank of Commodore on the active list of the Coast Guard, established in 1943 as a wartime measure, was terminated by the President under provisions of an Act of Congress approved 24 Jul 1941.

October

16-1790 - Contract entered into for the construction of the first of 10 revenue cutters, the MASSACHUSETTS, at Newburyport, MA.

17-1814 - Crew of the cutter EAGLE driven ashore near Negros Head, L.I. in encounter with English brig DISPATCH. Dragged guns up bluff and continued battle, using log books for cartridges and returning enemy's small shot that was lodged in the hull.

C25-1941 - South Greenland Patrol expanded to include 3 cutters of the Northeast Greenland Patrol - forming the Greenland Patrol.

November

17-1973 - "Largest Icebreaker in the Western World", the USCGC POLAR STAR is launched.

23-1942 - SPARS (Coast Guard Women's Reserve) organized.

December

01-1944 - Secretary of Navy, at request of Joint Chiefs of Staff, established Air-Sea Rescue Agency, an inter-department and interagency body, for study and improvement of rescue work with Commandant of Coast Guard as head.

07-1941 - Cutter TANEY's screen of anti-aircraft fire prevented Japanese planes bombing Pearl Harbor from destroying Honolulu power plant.

17-1897 - Overland Expedition from BEAR started from Nunivak Island to rescue whalers at Point Barrow.

17-1903 - Kill Devil Life Saving Station personnel assisted Wright brothers at first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, NC.

24-1955 - Being the first rescue unit to reach the flood disaster scene in northern California, a CG Helicopter hoisted 138 persons to safety within 12 hours - the first 58 by means of a light of a small handheld searchlight from positions of peril among chimneys, TV antennas and trees. In all, the Coast Guard assisted Federal, State and local agencies in saving over 500 persons by helicopters and boats.

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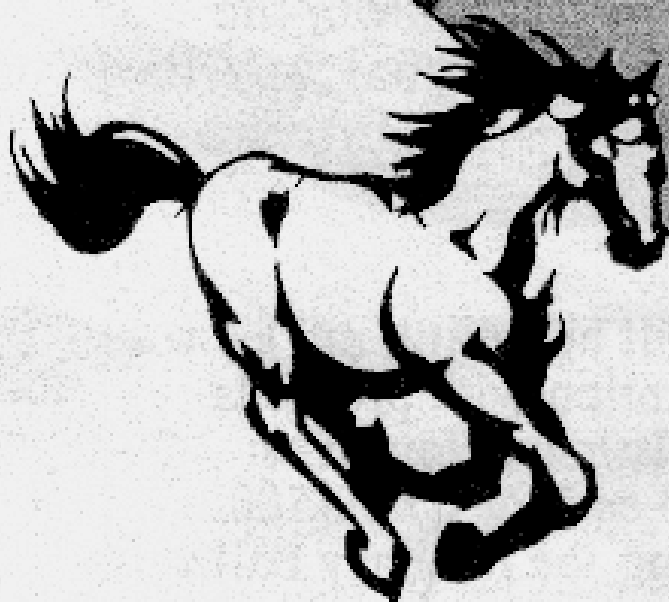
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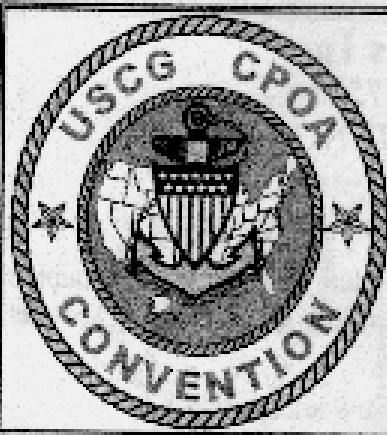
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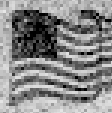

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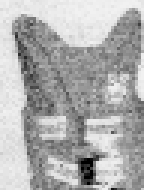
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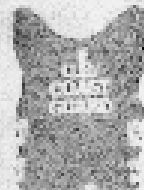
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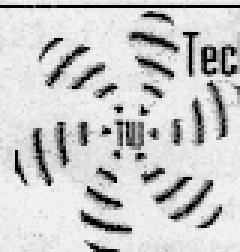
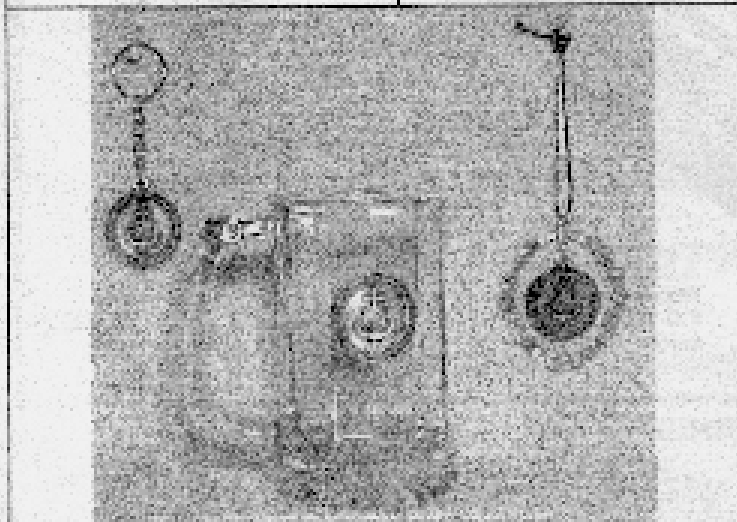


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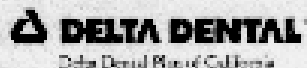


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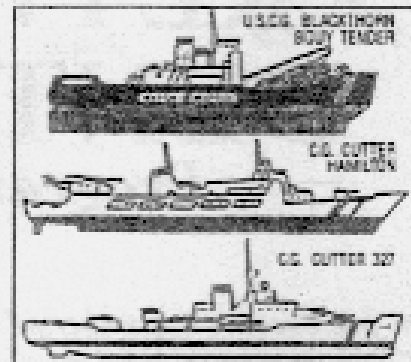
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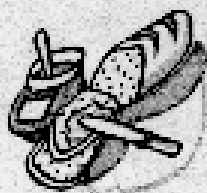


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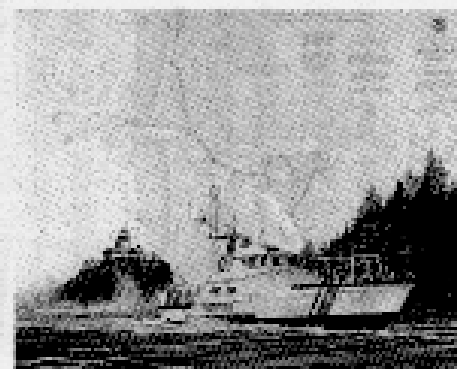
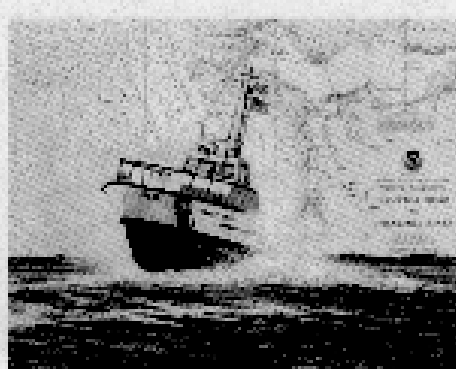
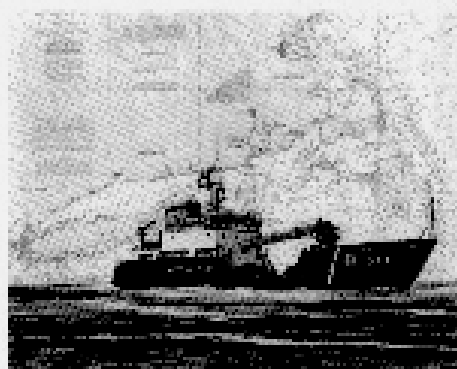
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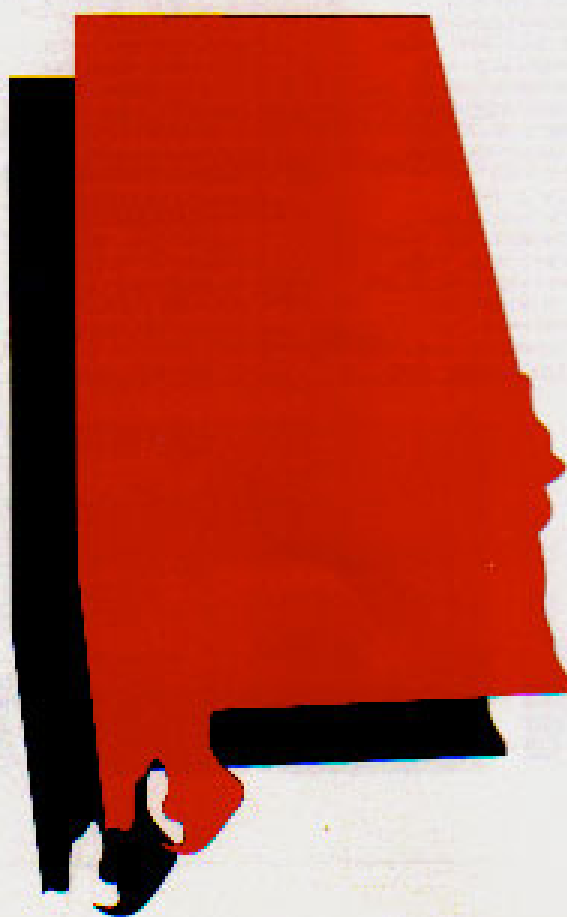
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By experience, by performance and by testing, you have been advanced to Chief Petty Officer. You have one more hurdle to overcome. In the United States Coast Guard, E-7 carries unique responsibilities. No other armed force throughout the world carries the responsibilities nor grants the privileges to its enlisted personnel comparable to the privileges and responsibilities you are now bound to receive and are expected to fulfill.

Your entire way of life has now been changed. More will be expected of you, more will be demanded of you. Not because you are an E-7, but because you are now a Chief Petty Officer. You have not merely been promoted one pay grade, you have joined an exclusive fraternity, and as in all fraternities, you have a special responsibility to your fellow Chiefs, even as they have a special responsibility to you.

These privileges, these responsibilities, do not appear in print. They have no official standing, they cannot be referred to by name, number or file. They exist because for over 200 years, Chiefs before you have freely accepted responsibility beyond the call of printed assignment. Their actions and their performance demanded the respect of their seniors as well as their juniors. It is now required that you be the fount of wisdom, the ambassador of good will, the authority in personnel relations, as well as technical applications. "Ask the Chief" is a household word in and out of the Coast Guard. You are now the "Chief."

The exalted position you have now received, and I used the word "exalted" advisedly, exists because of the attitude, the performance of the Chiefs before you. It shall exist only so long as you and your compatriots maintain these standards.

So this then is why you were caused to experience these things. You were subjected to humiliation to prove to you that humility is a good, a great, and necessary change, which cannot harm you. This, in fact strengthens you, and in your future as a Chief Petty Officer you will be caused to suffer indignities, and to experience humiliation far beyond those imposed upon you today. Bear them with the dignity, with the same good grace with which you bore these today.

It is our intention that you will never forget this day. It was our intention to test you, to try you, to accept you. Your performance has assured us that you will wear your hat with the pride of those before you.

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