

# U.S. COAST GUARD

CPOA 45TH ♦ ♦ CGEA 13TH  
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION



Houston, TX  
12-15 August 2013



# *Welcome to the 45th/13th Annual Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Coast Guard Enlisted Association Convention*

Welcome to the 45th Annual CPOA Convention and the 13th Annual CGEA Convention here in Houston, Texas ~ the 4th largest city in the U.S., and home of NASA's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center and Tex-Mex cuisine. With all there is to do and see, some may find there are just not enough hours in the day to fit it all in. Hopefully, you've decided to stay an extra day and play tourist. The Houston, Galveston and Golden Triangle Chapters have gone all out to show everyone a good time and this promises to be a great week...

A special welcome is extended to all our Gold Lifetime Members and our Past Presidents. Once again, YNC Alex Chapman, our 17th GLM, is besting his own CPOA Convention attendance record ~ this will be his 37th Convention in a

row! We are also honored to welcome to ADM Bob Papp, Honorary CPOA President, and MCPOCG Mike Leavitt, Honorary Vice President; 8th District Commander RADM Kevin Cook, MCPO-CGRF Mark Allen, MCPOCG (Ret) Rick Trent, CAPT Brian Penoyer, Sector Houston-Galveston, CAPT Joe Paitl, Marine Safety Unit Port Arthur, and CDR Scott Langum, Air Station Houston.

We have a lot of work to do and the next four days will be very busy so please plan on arriving on time each morning. On Monday, Opening Ceremonies will commence at 0900. On Tuesday and Wednesday, general session will start at 0800, and Thursday general session will commence at 0900, allowing everyone a little extra sleep following the Dinner celebrations.

As to the Uniform of the Day, the uniform for active duty attendees at the Opening Ceremony on Monday and the Commandant's visit on Wednesday afternoon is Tropical Blue Long, and it is recommended that those who plan on attending the Dinner on Wednesday night wear Bravos or the civilian equivalent.

On Tuesday afternoon, we are scheduled to help out at the new Fisher House ~ plan to depart at 1300 and return around 2030. Please see the write up later in the magazine for further details.

YNC Tim Mooney will again serve as our MAA, so any infractions will be noted and fines collected by him to benefit the CCCAF ~ as always, if your cell phone rings while we're in session, your wallet is going to be \$20 lighter.

In closing, have a great time this week...

Yours in Service ~  
Kim Lorigan  
CPOA Nat'l President

## **USCG CPOA PREAMBLE**

Ever mindful of:

- the traditions, duties and purpose of the United States Coast Guard,
- Our duty to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America,
- Our responsibility to assist and save distressed seaman and others,
- Our responsibility in the enforcement of the laws of our Country, and

Believing that through association and mutual acquaintance, the Chief Petty Officers of the United States Coast Guard may:

- best advance their professional abilities,
- Enhance their value, loyalty and devotion to God, Country and service in which they serve,
- Promote its unity and morale, domestically and militarily, through responsible leadership,
- In respect for those who have gone before us, and as a guide for those who follow.



## Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr.

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard



Admiral Robert J. Papp, Jr. assumed the duties of the 24th Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on May 25, 2010. He leads the largest component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), comprised of 42,000 active duty, 8,200 Reserve, 8,000 civilian and 31,000 volunteer Auxiliarists.

The Coast Guard is "Semper Paratus" – Always Ready – to use its distinctive blend of military, humanitarian and law enforcement capabilities to save lives and property at sea, protect and maintain our ports and maritime transportation system, secure our borders, respond to natural disasters, protect our marine environment and defend our Nation. The Coast Guard is also America's oldest continuous seagoing service and one of the Nation's five armed services. We trace our history back to August 4th, 1790, when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling. Our people are committed to the Coast Guard's core values of Honor, Respect and Devotion to Duty.



As a flag officer, Admiral Papp served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, where he was operational commander for all U.S. Coast Guard missions within the eastern half of the world and provided support to the Department of Defense; as the Chief of Staff of the Coast Guard and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Headquarters; as Commander, Ninth Coast Guard District, with responsibilities for Coast Guard missions on the Great Lakes and Northern Border; and as Director of Reserve and Training where he was responsible for managing and supporting 13,000 Coast Guard Ready Reservists and all Coast Guard Training Centers.

Admiral Papp has served in six Coast Guard Cutters, commanding four of them: RED BEECH, PAPA W, FORWARD, and the training barque EAGLE. He also served as commander of a task unit during Operation ABLE MANNER off the coast of Haiti in 1994, enforcing United Nations Sanctions. Additionally, his task unit augmented U.S. Naval Forces during Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY.

He is a 1975 graduate of the United States Coast Guard Academy. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College and a Master of Science in Management from Salve Regina College.

Admiral Papp is the 13th Gold Ancient Mariner of the Coast Guard. The Gold Ancient Mariner is an honorary position held by an officer with over ten years of cumulative sea duty who has held the qualification as a Cutterman longer than any other officer.

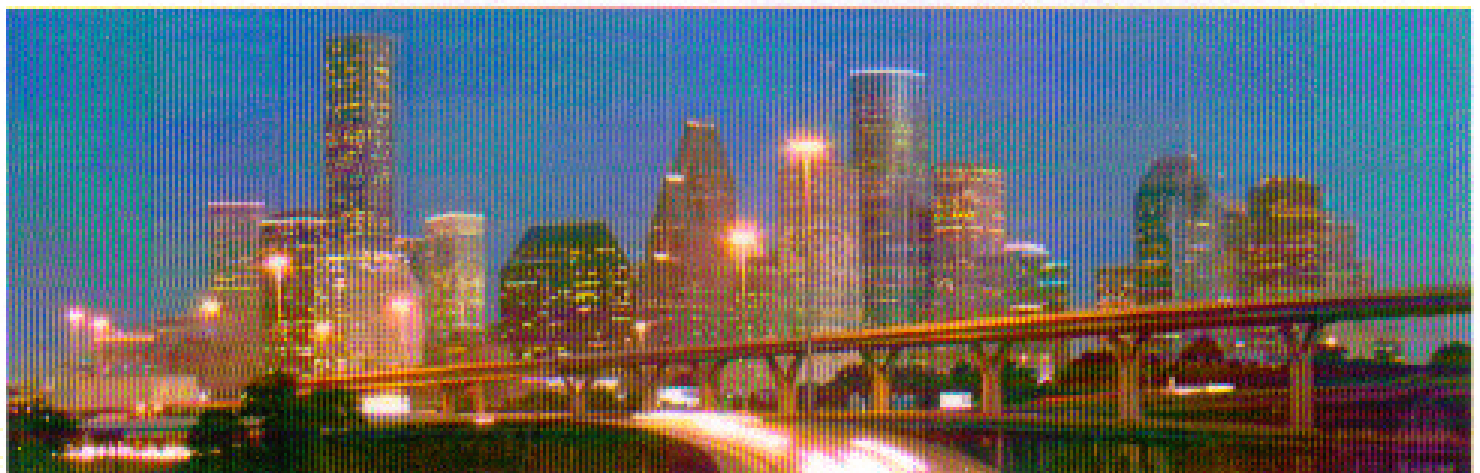
Admiral Papp is a native of Norwich, Conn. He is married to the former Linda Kapral of East Lyme, Conn. Admiral and Mrs. Papp have three daughters and two granddaughters.



# Welcome to Houston Texas

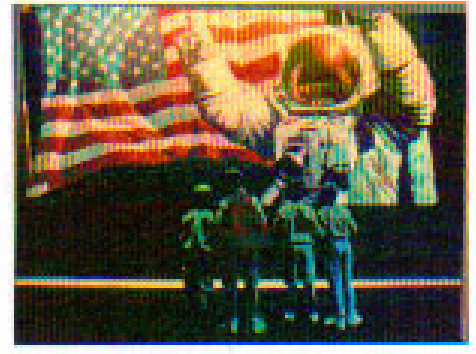
## To know it is to love it!

- Houston, with 2.3 million residents in 2010, is the fourth most populous city in the United States, trailing only New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.
- The 10-county Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has a population of 5.95 million, ranking sixth nationally.
- The Houston City Statistical Area (CSA) covers 12,476 square miles, an area larger than Maryland (12,297 square miles).
- The Houston (MSA) covers 10,062 square miles, an area slightly smaller than Maryland but larger than Massachusetts (9,241 square miles).
- More than 49.5 million people visited the greater Houston area in 2010.
- Twenty two Fortune 500 Companies are headquartered in the Houston metropolitan area, third largest concentration in the U.S.
- The Houston Airport System consists of three airports: George Bush Intercontinental Airport; William P. Hobby Airport and Ellington Field
- \$24 billion economic impact for the Houston economy
- 4th largest multi-airport system in the country
- 6th largest multi-airport system in the world
- ▶ The Port of Houston is ranked first in the United States in foreign waterborne tonnage.
- ▶ Second in the U.S. in total tonnage,
- ▶ Tenth in the world in total tonnage.
- ▶ A total of 220 million tons of cargo moved through the Port of Houston in 2010.
- ▶ More than 7,700 vessel calls were recorded at the Port of Houston during 2010.





## Houston Facts (continued)



- Texas Medical Center (TMC) with 46 member institutions is the largest medical complex in the world.
- The complex includes 13 renowned hospitals and two specialty institutions, two medical schools, four nursing schools and schools of dentistry, public health, pharmacy and virtually all health-related careers.
- In 2007, approximately 5.5 million patient visits were made to the TMC
  
- NASA/Johnson Space Center (named for Lyndon B. Johnson) is the training facility for all of America's astronauts.
- Johnson Space Center is the control point for U.S. human space flight activities, with responsibilities for the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs.
- In 1969, "Houston" was the first word spoken from the moon. The Apollo 11 mission established a place in history for the city when astronaut Neil Armstrong spoke the now-famous line, "Houston, Tranquility Base here. The Eagle has landed."
- While NASA maintains 11 major U.S. installations, including its Washington, D.C., headquarters, Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston is the largest.
  
- Houston provides the opportunities and conveniences found in large cities, but is more affordable than many small cities.
- Houston's housing costs are 28 percent below the nationwide average and 48 percent below the large-metro average.
- Houston's grocery prices are 25 percent below the major metro average, the lowest within this group.
- Utility costs in Houston are 4 percent below the major metro average.
- Transportation costs are 6 percent below the average.
- Healthcare costs are 9 percent below the average.
- Costs for miscellaneous goods and services in Houston are 13 percent below the average.
  
- Houston averages only 18.0 days per year with temperatures of 32°F or less and 99.6 days with high temperatures of 90°F or more. Temperatures rarely reach 100°F.
- Houston's growing season averages 300 days. The normal frost-free period extends from Feb. 14 to Dec. 11.
- Houston has had only 14 measurable snowfalls since 1939.
- A statistically average year contains 90.3 "clear" days, concentrated in October and November; 114.5 "partly cloudy" days, typical of June through September; and 160.3 "cloudy" days, common in December through May.
- Prevailing wind in Houston is south-southeasterly at a mean speed of 7.7 mph.



# Rear Admiral Kevin Cook

Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District  
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Kevin Cook serves as the Commander of the Eighth Coast Guard District headquartered in New Orleans, and is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations spanning 26 states, including the Gulf coastline from Florida to Mexico and the adjacent offshore waters of the Gulf of Mexico, as well as the inland waterways of the Mississippi, Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee River systems.

At the time of his flag officer selection, Rear Admiral Cook was serving as Chief of Staff for the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Seattle, WA. Subsequent flag assignments include Director of the Operations Command Implementation Team in Portsmouth, VA; Director of Prevention Policy in Washington, DC; and, Deputy Commander of the Atlantic Area in Portsmouth, VA.



Previous duty assignments include three tours afloat: CGC MADRONA as a deck watch officer, CGC BITTERSWEET as the Executive Officer; and CGC COWSLIP as the Commanding Officer. His tours ashore include assignments as a staff engineer in Hazardous Materials Division where he later returned as Division Chief. As Director of Prevention Policy, he was responsible for many of the Coast Guard's Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship missions affecting waterways management, domestic and international shipping, recreational and fishing boats, and port facilities throughout the nation.

Rear Admiral Cook has held a variety of field positions supporting the Marine Safety, Security, and Environmental Protection mission areas; at Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, Virginia, Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston, Texas, as Executive Officer, and subsequently Commanding Officer. For two years following 9/11, he also directed maritime homeland security operations through command of the regional Task Unit covering waters from Freeport, Texas, eastward to Lake Charles, Louisiana. In 2010, he served as the National Incident Commander's representative to BP headquarters for oversight of well containment activities in the Deepwater Horizon response.

A native of Freehold, NJ, he graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1979 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Ocean Engineering. Rear Admiral Cook also earned a Master of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University. He is a 1999 graduate of the U.S. Army War College. In 2003, he was appointed as the Coast Guard Fellow to Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Coast Guard Commendation Medal, and Coast Guard Achievement Medal.





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## ALL HANDS PICNIC

(Formerly the Old Timers Picnic)

**Mark your Calendars (Saturday AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> 2013 at Walters Park)**

On Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August (It's always the Saturday during Labor Day weekend) the Mobile Chapter of the Coast Guard CPOA will sponsor our annual "ALL HANDS PICNIC" at Walters Park (Adjacent to ATC Mobile). This Picnic was established in 1977 and since then we've only had one that we had to cancel, this was due to Hurricane Katrina. The main reason that the Chapter has been able to continue over the years is because of the generosity of the Patrons. We also have a 50/50 drawing (sometimes two) to help us out but the main thing is the "DONATION JUG" that we have on the sign in table.

### PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THIS PICNIC WITH YOUR DONATIONS

As you probably know, this Picnic is open to **ALL** Coasties, Active, Retired, Reserves, Auxiliary, Civilians, Dependents and their guest. Each Year we get Coasties and their Family's from all over the country to attend this well organized and special event. Keep in mind that it's a Family affair so bring the family and lounge chairs. The Mobile Branch of the Coast Guard Enlisted Association will have a table set up for a Membership Drive. Also the Gulf Coast (Mobile and Baldwin Counties) Commandants Coast Guard Retiree Council will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have and Membership Packages. We usually have bouncers set up for the kids. This is the time to meet up with old acquaintances, socialize and reminisce about the good old days. Many of the chapter members and volunteers arrive at the park about 0800 to set things up and start cooking. The guess usually starts arriving about 1000 and the chow line opens around 1100/1130. Like all good things there must be an end, the last sea/air stories are over by about 1600/1700. We ask that the attendees sign in and put a name tag on, you never know who you will meet and they might not remember your name. If you're able to, please drop a donation in the **DONATION JUG** on the table. This picnic usually cost the Chapter about \$800.00 to put on and every little bit helps out. We also ask the local attendees to bring a salad, desert or your favorite dish to share. The chapter supplies our famous RIBS, hotdogs, hamburgers, sodas, beer, chips and all the fixings. To help with the cost we usually have a (sometimes two) 50/50 drawing. If you need any further information, please contact me at (251-649-8800) or at my email ([jjccc99@mchsi.com](mailto:jjccc99@mchsi.com))

BMCS Jack Crowley USCG Retired, Mobile Chapter Secretary

# Convention Dedications

**QMC Frank Albright, USCG (Ret)** ~ Past National CPOA President  
11th CPOA Gold Lifetime Member  
3rd Silver Ancient Mariner

**DCCM Bob Sullivan, USCG (Ret)** ~ Yorktown Chapter President 1991-1992

**EMCS John Marzetta, USCG (Ret)** ~ Yorktown Chapter Vice President 2005-2006

**Crew of CG-6535** LCDR Dale T. Taylor  
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# *PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS OF THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION*

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Sep 2000	Sep 2004	BMCS Timothy A. Trimble
Sep 2004	Sep 2009	YNC Jon A. Shipp
Sep 2009	May 2012	BMCM Timothy A. Trimble
May 2012	Present	YNC Kim Lorigan

*In respect for those who have gone before us...  
...And as a guide for those who follow*



# Today in CG History

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12 August

- 1982- Coast Guard vessels escorted the nation's first Trident submarine, USS *Ohio*, into its home port at Naval Submarine Base Bangor, providing security for the sub's transit. Coast Guard units guided the sub past a Soviet spy ship and 400 anti-nuclear protesters.
  - 1984-CGC *Munro* departed Honolulu for Tokyo, Japan to take part in a bilateral meeting between the Coast Guard and the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency. While en route, the cutter conducted a Hawaiian Island and Western Pacific Fisheries Enforcement Patrol -- the first of its type ever conducted in the western Pacific by a 378-foot cutter.
  - 1994- "Team Coast Guard" was created when the commandant, ADM Robert Kramek, approved recommendations that integrated the reserves into the operational missions and administrative processes of the regular Coast Guard, "effectively eliminating the differences between the two service components."
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13 August

1954-Congress passed Public Law 584, resulting in the Coast Guard relinquishing to the Federal Communications Commission the responsibility for issuing safety radiotelegraphy and safety radiotelephony certificates and exemption certificates under the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea.

- 1967-CGC *Sweetbriar* and *Cape Coral* came to the rescue of Alaska Governor Walter J. Hickel and his fishing party after they began trapped in a cove by a heavy storm. The cutters escorted the fishing party safely back to Juneau.
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14 August

- 1848-Congress appropriated \$10,000 for life saving stations and apparatus between Sandy Hook and Egg Harbor; the first funds to be expended under supervision of Revenue Cutter Service. \$5000 appropriated in 1847 for saving life from shore was turned over to Collector of Customs at Boston to acquire boat-houses and equipment on Cape Cod for Massachusetts Human Society. (See March 3, 1847)
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15 August

1914-At the request of the Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Congress extended the Sponge Fishing Act and directed its enforcement to the Revenue Cutter Service on the request of the Secretary of Commerce.

- 1943-Coast Guardsmen participated in the invasion of Vella La Vella, Solomon Islands.
- 1944-Coast Guardsmen participated in the invasion of Southern France.



## 2013 CONVENTION SCHEDULE

(Please note: this will be a four-day Convention. Schedule subject to change)

### Sunday, 11 August 2013

1200-1800 .....Registration  
1800.....Convention attendees and guests welcomed in Hospitality Room

### Monday, 12 August 2013

0800-0845.....Parliamentary procedures familiarization – Conducted by Nat'l VP  
(Open to all members)  
0900-1000 .....Opening ceremonies  
1000-1100 .....Photo Session  
1100-1200.....General Session - Reports  
1200-1330 .....Past Presidents/GLM Luncheon  
1330-1630.....General Session – Reports / Discussion of Motions

### Tuesday, 13 August 2013

0800-0900.....General Session – Discussion of Motions (Cont'd)  
0900-1200 .....Breakout Session for Convention Committees  
1200-1330 .....Lunch  
1330-1630 .....General Session – Discussion of Motions (Cont'd) / Convention Committee Reports

### Wednesday, 14 August 2013

0800-1200 .....General Session – Discussion of Motions (Cont'd) / Convention Committee Reports  
1200-1330 .....Lunch  
1330-1630.....General Session – Discussion of Motions (Cont'd) / Convention Committee Reports  
1800-2230 .....Dinner / Guest Speaker

### Thursday, 15 August 2013

0900-1200 .....General Session – Convention Committee Reports  
1200-1330 .....Lunch  
1330-1530 .....General Session – Convention Committee Reports  
1530-1630 .....Closing ceremonies

### **HOSPITALITY ROOM**

Sunday (8/11/2013) - 1000 to 2400

Monday thru Thursday (8/12 – 8/15/2013) - 0700 to 2400

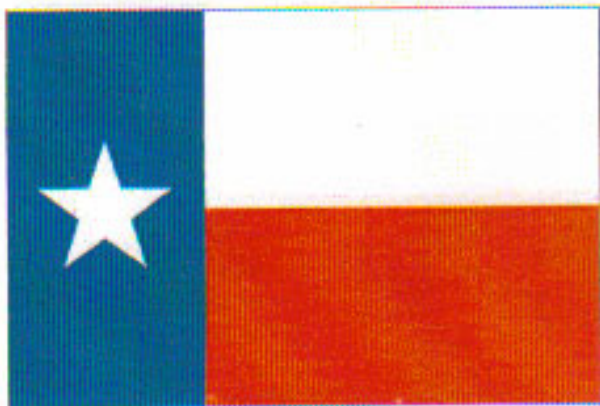
Friday hours will be posted at Convention

(Hours are subject to change and will be posted on door and in the Convention Plan of the Day)

***WISHING ALL MEMBERS  
GREAT SUCCESS AT THE  
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION***

***12-15 AUGUST 2013***

***Houston, TX***



***BEST WISHES FROM:***

***THE NATIONAL CPOA, CGEA & CPOAA  
OFFICERS***

***And THE NATIONAL STAFF***





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1999	2000	FT1 Marcus Alden (Pro-tem)
2000	Aug 2001	BM1 Keith Endicott (Pro-tem)
Aug 2001	Nov 2004	DC1 Michael Lawing
Nov 2004	Aug 2009	YN1 Doris Jackson
Aug 2009	Aug 2012	MK1/MKC April Storle
Aug 2012	May 2013	YNI/YNC Clara Whitehead
May 2013	Present	SKI Philip Stone

*YNC MJD*

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*In L♥ving  
Memory*

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*QMC M JSD*



# CCCAF Award Winner

## Emily Meshke

Emily Meshke, the daughter of MKC Steve & Sandy Meshke, graduated from Warrenton High School and is currently completing her second year at Oregon State University, where she is majoring in Marine Biology. When Emily isn't busy with school, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, and horseback riding on the beach. Emily would like to thank her parents for all of their love and support throughout her life, and would also like to thank the Clatsop County 4-H program for all they do and all the life lessons they taught her. She would also like to thank the United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association for choosing her as this year's CCCAF recipient. Emily greatly appreciates the honor of receiving this scholarship award.



***JOIN US IN Norfolk!!!!***

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GREETINGS ALL ATTENDEES  
TO THE 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CPOA & 13<sup>TH</sup> CGEA  
CONVENTION IN HOUSTON, TEXAS.

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Best wishes for a great convention.  
Have a safe and wonderful time!

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Otis C. Shipp

October 9, 1926 - February 17, 2001

Loving Father

Julia Ann Thomas

July 5, 1916 - April 11, 2010

Loving Mother-In-Law

Rosemary (Shipp) Jemison

May 6, 1951 - October 2, 2011

Beloved Sister





**FRANK ALBRIGHT, JR.**  
**Chief Quartermaster,**  
**U.S. Coast Guard, Retired**  
26 August 1928 – 16 September 2012

11th CPOA Gold Lifetime Member  
3rd Coast Guard Silver Ancient Mariner  
CPOA National President  
August 1988-August 1990



Chief Petty Officer Frank Albright was born in San Antonio, Texas, to Frank and Angelita Albright. On 4 December 1945, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and completed tours of duty on board the USS COASTERS HARBOR, the USS TARAWA, fighting Squadron 11 – ABLE and Attack Squadron 1 – ABLE. While onboard the USS COASTERS HARBOR, he participated in Operation CROSSROADS as a member of the Joint Task Force One, involving the atomic bomb tests conducted at Bikini Atoll, Marshall Islands. Chief Albright subsequently received an honorable discharge from the Navy on 27 October 1947.

On 30 January 1948, Chief Albright enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. He completed tours of duty at the Ship Shoal Light Station off the coast of New Orleans; the CGC TRITON homeported in Corpus Christi; the 83' PreComDet, Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, MD; the CGC ROCKAWAY, Staten Island, NY; and the CGC CAPE STRAIGHT homeported in Atlantic City, NJ.

On 30 January 1955, he was honorably discharged but his Coast Guard career was far from over. On 12 March 1964, he reenlisted in the Coast Guard and returned to the CGC ROCKAWAY. From there, he served at a number of units including Rescue Coordination Center (RCC) New York; CGC GENTIAN homeported in Galveston, TX, CGC DURABLE in Brownsville, TX, Air Station Kodiak, AK, CGC CAPE STARR homeported in Atlantic City, NJ (where he married Jeannette on 31 October 1975); Marine Inspection Office New York, Marine Safety Office San Francisco; back to RCC New York and then to Support Center New York. His final tour of duty was as Officer-in-Charge of the Coast Guard Recruiting Office in San Antonio, TX, with responsibility for the Recruiting Detachment in Corpus Christi.

One of the highlights of Chief Albright's long and illustrious military career came on 1 September 1989, when he assumed the mantle of the Coast Guard's Silver Ancient Mariner, the third enlisted person to do so. He would hold that title until 13 August 1990, just prior to his retirement on 1 September of that year. Chief Albright served as the 14<sup>th</sup> CPOA National President from August 1988-August 1990, having served previously as National Vice President and National Treasurer, and was elevated to Gold Lifetime Member status in 1994.

Another of Chief Albright's personal achievements was the successful recruitment of his niece's husband, Earl Allen, into the Coast Guard. Donnallee Allen credits her uncle with encouraging her husband, and says that he followed his nephew-in-law's career closely. No one was prouder than Chief Albright when, on July 2012, Lieutenant Allen was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

Frank and Jeannette eventually moved to Largo, Fl, where they enjoyed many friends who visited from out of state as well as those they met at the VFW, American Legion and the Elks Lodge. Frank also had a special bond with his great-grandson Logan. According to Jeannette, Frank and Logan would spend hours watching old cowboy movies and laughing at cartoons, and they could often be found doing yard work together, with 6-year old Logan telling his PopPop exactly how to properly seed the yard. Ultimately, Frank was happiest spending time with Jeannette, the love of his life – he often said that his life began the day he met her.

Chief Frank Albright left a lasting impression on all those who met him – he was loved and will be missed by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many friends-

*"We mourn our loss, but we are consoled by the abiding faith that when the final watch changes for us, and we too cross the bar, our shipmate will be waiting to pilot us to safe anchorage."*

FAREWELL, SHIPMATE – SAFE PASSAGE...



# The Armed Forces E9 Association

wants to extend Best Wishes to all on a Great USCG CPO Association Convention. We hope you enjoy Houston, TX.

The Armed Forces E9 Association (AFE9A) is a national professional organization designed exclusively for the senior enlisted (E-9) personnel of all branches of the United States and our Allies Armed Forces. Please visit our website: [www.afe9a.us](http://www.afe9a.us) or call our Headquarters at 1-254-680-4205 or toll free 1-877-982-3392, for more information about the organization. All E-9's, please consider joining our organization.

Active, Retired, Inactive, Reserve, National Guard

Army

Navy

Coast Guard

Marines

Air Force



## AFE9A Objectives

- FOSTER patriotism and civic duty.
- ENCOURAGE fraternity for the common good.
- ASSIST spouses and orphans of deceased members.
- ASSIST members who have been injured or handicapped.
- MAINTAIN allegiance to the United States of America.
- PRESERVE and DEFEND the United States of America against her enemies.
- PRESERVE and MAINTAIN historical records and traditions of our services.

*When leaving Houston, if you are heading up I-35 toward Dallas, the AFE9A Headquarters is located in Harker Heights, TX, near Ft. Hood, TX, about 15 miles west of I-35 on Hwy 190. The HQ address is 699 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd. Please stop by and visit. Please call using the phone number above and give them an estimated time of arrival to ensure a tour of the facility.*

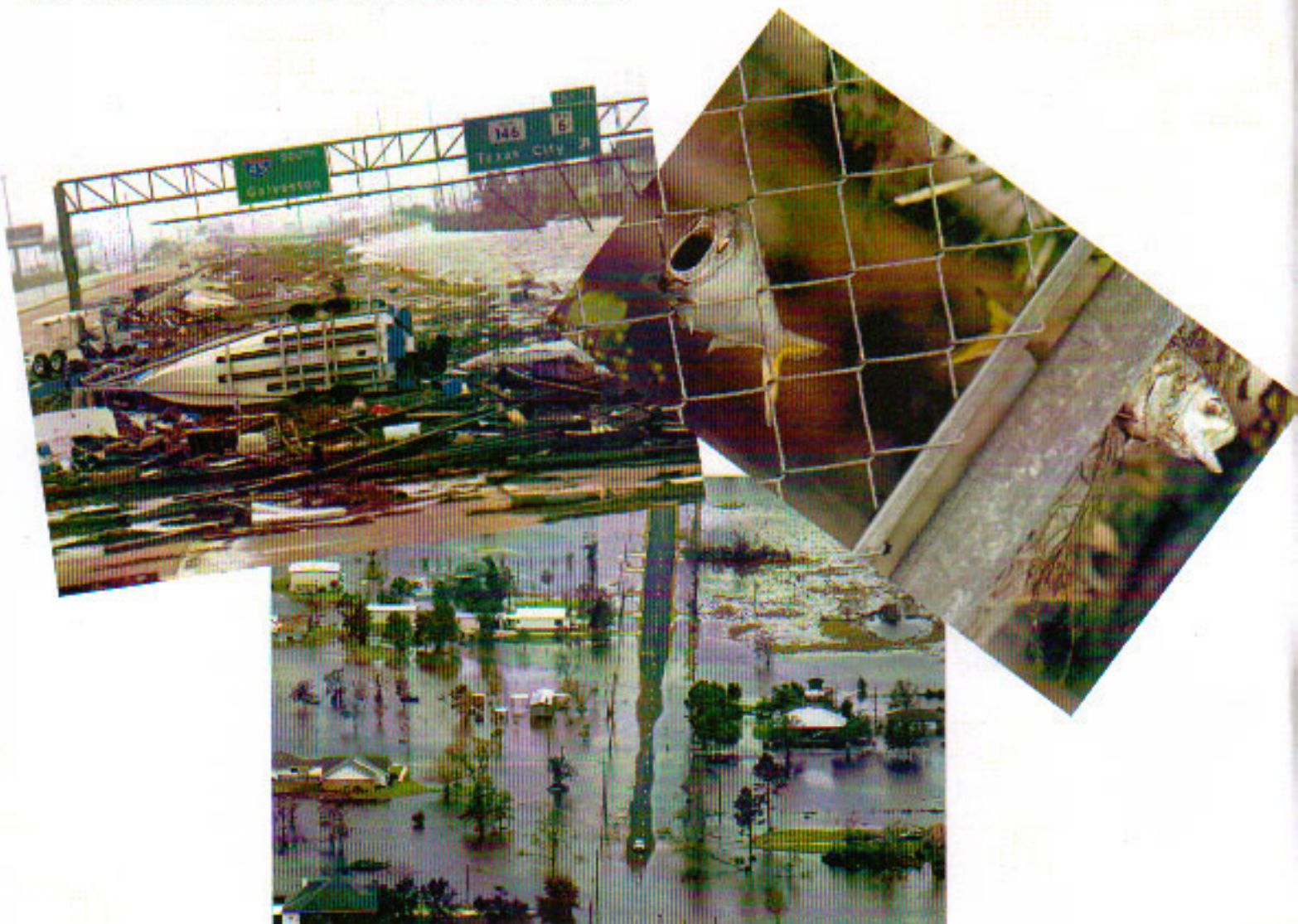




# Hurricane Ike 5 Years Later

**The CPOA/CGEA held our 40th/8th Annual Convention in Houston Texas. Less than one month after our departure, more than 3 million people also left the Houston/Galveston area. Hurricane Ike was on target and tracking. Arriving on September 13th, 2008 as a strong Category Two storm with a 12 foot tide surge. Now ranked as the third costliest storm in U.S. history, and most costly in Texas history, Hurricane Ike covered virtually all of Galveston Island with 8 feet of water and caused over 29.5 billion dollars of damage. The Bolivar Peninsula bore the brunt of Ike's right-front quadrant and lost an estimated 95% of her homes.**

**Much of Galveston has returned to "normal" and rebuilding efforts continue on the Bolivar Peninsula.**

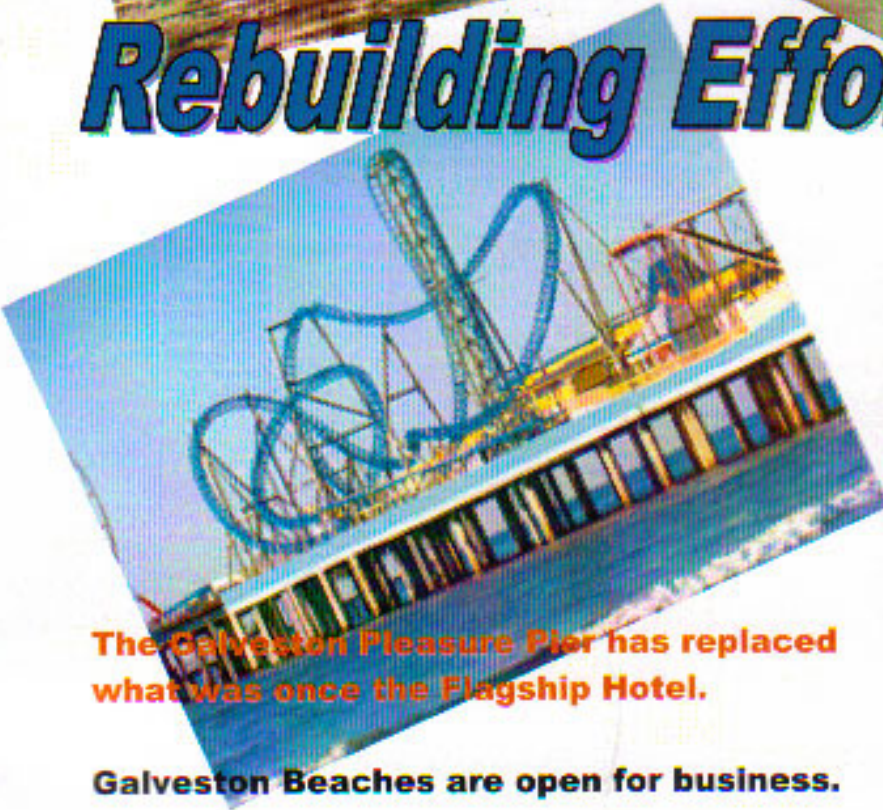




## Evacuation Texas Style



## Rebuilding Efforts



**The Galveston Pleasure Pier has replaced what was once the Flagship Hotel.**

**Galveston Beaches are open for business.**

**Communities on the Bolivar Peninsula Rebuild**





# Community Service Project



A Fisher House is "a home away from home" for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The homes are normally located within walking distance of the treatment facility or have transportation available. There are 61 Fisher Houses located on 23 military installations and 22 VA medical centers.

Typically, the houses are 5,000 to 16,800 square foot homes donated by the Fisher family and Fisher House Foundation. Each house is designed to provide 8 to 21 suites. All are professionally furnished and decorated in the tone and style of the local region. The houses can accommodate 16 to 42 family members. They feature a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with library, and toys for children. Fisher Houses are given to the U. S. Government as gifts. Military service secretaries and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs are responsible for the operation and maintenance of the homes.

## 2012 Highlights

- Families served: More than 19,000
- Average length of stay: 10 days
- Average length of stay for combat casualties: 45-60 days
- Saved families more than \$30 million in lodging costs, plus food and transportation
- Daily capacity: 735 families

## Since 1990

- Families served: More than 180,000
- Number of lodging days offered: Over 4.7 million
- Saved families more than \$200 million in lodging and transportation costs



Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center  
Fisher House





**THE MAVERICK CLUB ~ OUR 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR**  
Established August 1994

**The Beginning!**

Once upon a time, in August of 1994, in a place known as Seattle, Washington, the 26<sup>th</sup> USCG CPOA National Convention was in session and as was custom, the Hospitality Room was open for all to congregate, mingle and enjoy the camaraderie that was always present. Since the No Smoking rule was in effect, there was a gathering of smokers and non-smokers milling around just outside the Hospitality Room. One subject led to another, sea stories, air stories and non-sailors stories – they were all there!

Somehow, it was suggested that a new chapter be established. It could be done; there were Retirees, Silver Lifetime Members and a couple of Gold Lifetime Members in attendance. Everyone said, "Look at the Possibilities, a chapter consisting of those particular individuals, what an impact, what a statement." Therefore, following the guidelines of the CPOA Constitution & By-laws, an application for a chapter was submitted to the Convention Board of Directors. The application was presented to the Board, and behold, it was voted to establish the "Maverick Chapter" but as with all CPOA conventions, Chief's began talking with other Chief's and a few bartenders. They asked themselves, "What Hath we Wrought? We hath certainly wrought something that ain't wright. Look at the chapter! It has Lifetime Members, Past Presidents, Wannabe Presidents and others! They could literally control the CPOA." Therefore, the wroughtful ones asked that the partition for charter be put back before them for reconsideration. After very little discussion they unwrought themselves and the Maverick Chapter was never more.

Not being ones to admit defeat, the petitioners for the Maverick Chapter said "Hey, we were just kidding, we really just want to form a CLUB. It shall be named the MAVERICK CLUB". Yea and verily then, it began in Seattle on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1994.

**ELIGIBILITY for MEMBERSHIP:**

1. Must be Retired
2. Must be a Silver or Gold Lifetime Member of the CPOA
3. Must donate \$20.00 for a lifetime membership - at each meeting
4. Must be invited to join

In the beginning, only one Active Duty member was allowed. That was an Honorary membership. That Honor was extended to MKCM Doug Robertson because he possessed an 800-telephone number. Other Active Duty need not apply.

**FRIVOLITY**

Charter Members		Other Members	Honorary
QMC Frank Albright RDCM Bill Belch MKCM Jim Bridges BMC John Bunting BMC Larry Carr ETC Henry Cartledge ADCM Kenneth Cartledge YNC Alex Chapman QMC Delmond Clark MKCS Marshall Cooper BMCS Jack Crowley BMC John DeLuca YNM Bob Gallagher BMC Walt Gore MKCM Dave Isherwood ETC Tim Lackey	EMCM Lou Maher ADCM Kenneth Norton ENC Bill O'Farrell RMC George Overmeyer SKCM Rudy Palustro MCPO Doug Robertson MKC O. "Rod" Rodriguez YNM Adrien Rymer BMC Bill Schott ATC Dick Wells	PSC Patty Butler MCPO Forrest Croom QMC Joe D'Elia YNCS Bruce Garrison YNC Kim Lorigan CPO Tim Mooney YNC Jack Murphy QMC Bill Segelken BMCS Bob Sennholtz ATCM Tim Sheffer SKCM Myles Shaw YNC Jon Shipp SSC Gary Selfert BMCS Tim Trimble BMCS Charlie Womack BMC Bruce Bradley	Rita Bunting Monica McCormack



**Members in attendance  
at the 2012  
Annual Meeting  
onboard the Queen Mary**





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