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SUBJ: COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (CPOA) 56TH NATIONAL CONVENTION AND COAST GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION (CGEA) 24TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

A. Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST 1000.8A

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1. The CPOA and CGEA will hold their annual National Convention at the Marriott St. Louis Grand, St. Louis, MO, July 21-24, 2025.
2. REF (A), Article 2.A.10, authorizes commands to issue permissive orders for members interested in attending.
3. The travel requirements IAW ALCOAST 068/25 are not applicable because official TDY orders and unit funds are not authorized.
4. A strong and engaged CPOA and CGEA are critically important to our Service. Leadership development is a continuous process that begins early in a career. Building professional networks and learning from experienced mentors strengthens leadership abilities over time. Active engagement in professional forums enhances both individual growth and organizational effectiveness.
5. Convention information will be posted on the CPOA website:  
(Copy and Paste URL Below into Browser)

[www.uscgcpoa.org](http://www.uscgcpoa.org)

6. For more information, contact CW02 Amy Ponce (ret), CPOA Convention Chairman, at [cpoaconvention@gmail.com](mailto:cpoaconvention@gmail.com).
7. MCPOCG Heath B. Jones, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard (CG-00B), sends.
8. Internet release is authorized.