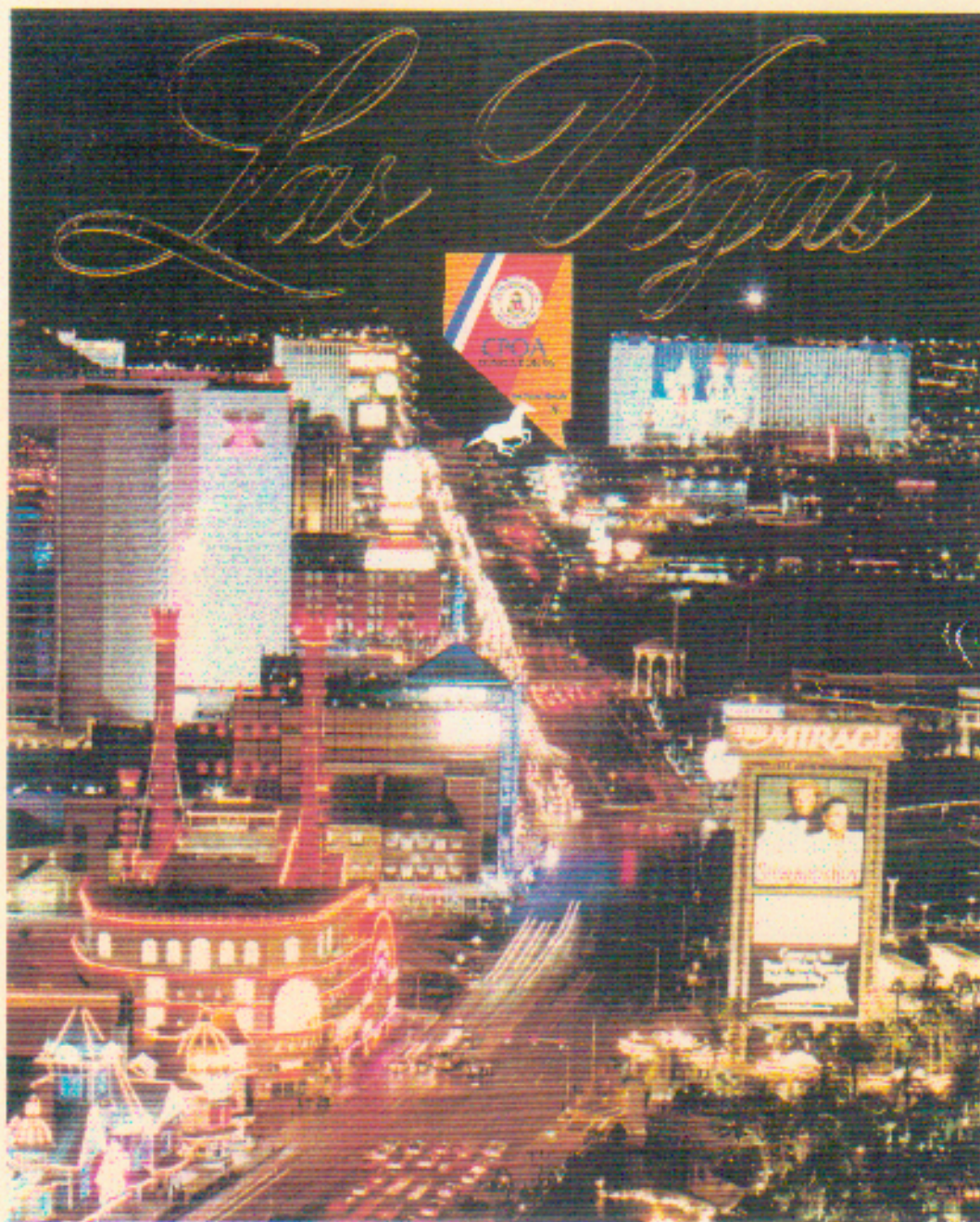


**United States Coast Guard
Chief Petty Officers Association
28th Annual National Convention**



August 1996

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Dear Fellow Chiefs, Delegates and Friends:

Welcome to the United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association's 28th annual national convention and the Chief Petty Officers Association Auxiliary's 18th annual national convention.

On behalf of the CPOA National Council and the Las Vegas Mavericks Chapter, we cordially invite you to visit the entertainment capital of the world.

You are encouraged to visit the many attractions that make Las Vegas unique. Two tours have been arranged for your enjoyment, including a tentative winery tour which is located 60 miles from Las Vegas in Pahrump, NV.

- The winery is a 60 minute drive and a cookout is included.
- The Stateline tour is a 45 minute trip and has a 200 foot roller coaster and four casinos.
- The tour to the dam is a 30 minute drive which includes a boat cruise and lunch.

Please contact any of the conventions committee members for more details. We will be wearing yellow ribbons.

And remember - - - - you could go home a millionaire!

Sincerely,

John W. Lasky
1996 Chapter President

WELCOME TO THE 28TH ANNUAL National CPOA Convention



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Fri - Sat 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.
Sunday 10 A.M. - 10 P.M.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

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TO THE NEWLY ELECTED

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Coast Guard CPOs

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. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of U. S. Coast Guard "Chief."

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 quartermasters; **Artificer Branch** – Chief machinists' mate, Chief electricians, Chief carpenters' mate, Chief water tender and Chief storekeepers; **Special Branch** Chief commissary stewards, 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 Bender 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 the past 75 years.

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

CPOA 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 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 I. ADM Willard J. Smith officially recognized CPOA on April 7, 1969. CPOA now has 60 chapters nationwide with approximately 10,000 members.

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1994 - 1996

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President: Jean R. Schott
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Secretary: Bonnie Lackey
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President: MKCS Jack Lasky (Ret.)
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change as circumstances dictate)

Sunday, 18 August

1200 - 1900 Registration and check-in (2nd Deck Foyer)
**** Sign up for Convention Committees

Monday, 19 August

0700 - 0845 Registration and check-in (2nd Deck Foyer)
0900 - 1100 Opening Ceremonies, Award Presentations, Guest Speakers, etc.
**** Sign up for Convention Committees
1100 - 1230 Past Presidents Luncheon
1300 - TBA Convention in Session

Tuesday, 20 August

0800 - 1130 Convention in Session
1145 Photo Session
1200 - 1300 Lunch Break (Area Restaurants)
1300 - TBA Convention in Session
(Tour to Stateline)

Wednesday, 21 August

0800 - 1100 Convention in Session
1100 - 1300 Lunch Break (Area Restaurants)
1300 - TBA Convention in Session
(Tour to Hover Dam)

Thursday, 22 August

0800 - 1100 Convention in Session
1100 - 1300 Lunch Break (Area Restaurants)
1300 - TBA Convention in Session

Dinner/CPO Ball:

1800 - 1900 Cocktails (No host)
1900 Dinner
2030 Guest Speaker
2100 - 0000 CPO Ball, Music By *Jimmy Duffy Music* (5 piece band)

Friday, 23 August

0800 - TBA Convention in Session and Closing Ceremonies

Hospitality Suite

The hospitality room is a 2 room suite with one room designated as Non-smoking. The suite will be open from 1200 to midnight Sunday, 0600 to midnight Monday - Friday (closed during ball) and 0600 - 1200 on Saturday. Coffee, juice and donuts will be on hand from 0600 - 0800. Soft drinks, coffee, etc. will be available at all open times. Alcoholic drinks will not be served during convention business hours.

OPENING CEREMONY

Seating of all Honored Guests and Visitors

Presentation of Colors.....USAF Color Guard, Nellis AFB

Invocation.....CPOA Nat'l Chaplain PSCM Adrian Rymer, (Ret.)

Pledge of Allegiance

National AnthemMs. Lula Collins

Recitation of CPOA PreambleNat'l President, YNC Jon A. Shipp

Recitation of CPOA Auxiliary Preamble Nat'l President, Jean R. Schott

Memorial Service "Crossed the Bar" - Nat'l Chaplain, PSCM Adrian Rymer, (Ret.)
..... Master-At-Arms, CWO4 George Lloyd, (Ret.)

Introduction of all Honored Speakers, Guests, National CPOA/CPOAA Officers

Outstanding Chapter Awards.....Nat'l President, YNC Jon A. Shipp

Outstanding Unit Awards Nat'l President, Jean R. Schott

Host Chapter..... MKCS Jack Lasky, (Ret.)

Introduction of Past National Presidents

Introduction of Gold Lifetime Members

Awards/Special Presentations

Keynote Speaker

End of ceremony Annual National Convention convenes

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

As presented on the Red Skelton Hour January 14, 1969

"I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and he walked over and said: "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, I would like to recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word:

I - me, an individual, a committee of one.

Pledge - dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

Allegiance - my love and my devotion.

To the Flag - our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

Of the United - that means that we have all come together.

States - individual communities that have united into 48 great states, 48 communities with pride and dignity and purpose all divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

Of America.

And to the Republic - a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which is stands.

One nation - meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible - incapable of being divided.

With liberty - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats or fear or some sort of retaliation.

And justice - The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

For all - which means it's as much your country as it is mine.

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance - "under God."

Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said, "That's a prayer" and that would be eliminated from schools, too?"

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 - 10/2/70
3.	ALAMEDA, CA	SAN FRANCISCO	9/27 - 10/1/71
4.	NEW ORLEANS, LA	NEW ORLEANS	10/4 - 10/6/72
5.	PORTSMOUTH, VA	PORTSMOUTH	10/5 - 10/7/73
6.	ST. LOUIS, MO	ST. LOUIS	10/7 - 10/12/74
7.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	ST. PETERBURG	8/4 - 8/9/75
8.	SANTA ROSA, CA	PETALUMA	8/1 - 8/7/76
9.	BALTIMORE, MD	BALTIMORE	8/7 - 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. PETERBURG, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/18 - 8/23/80
13.	GREEN BAY, WI	GREEN BAY	8/10 - 8/14/81
14.	NORFOLK, VA	NORFOLK	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	TBA

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS
OF THE
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

October 1969	-	April 1970	BMCM J. B. Kane
May 1970	-	June 1970	QMCM R. M. Shannon
July 1970	-	April 1972	YNCS E. C. Mason
May 1972	-	June 1973	ETCM L. Martinez
July 1973	-	June 1975	YNCM F. E. Smith
July 1975	-	April 1976	YNC D. D. Orollio
May 1976	-	June 1976	YNC H. W. Walker
July 1976	-	June 1978	RMCM G. H. Lambert
July 1978	-	August 1979	BMCM W. J. Schott
September 1979	-	August 1981	BMCM J. Deluca
September 1981	-	August 1983	QMC R. Longo
September 1983	-	August 1985	BMCM D. Miller
September 1985	-	August 1988	ATC R. W. Wells
September 1988	-	August 1990	QMC F. Albright
September 1990	-	August 1992	MKCM D. E. Robertson
September 1992	-	August 1994	EMCM L. E. Maher
September 1994	-	Present	YNC J. A. Shipp

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS
OF THE
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

July 1978	-	August 1980	Jean R. Schott
September 1980	-	August 1982	Nancy Ford
September 1982	-	August 1983	Barbara Jones
September 1983	-	August 1985	Ruth E. Buckley
September 1985	-	August 1986	Ivy Miller
September 1986	-	August 1987	Adrienne Royes
September 1987	-	August 1988	Jean R. Schott
September 1988	-	August 1990	Jean R. Schott
September 1990	-	August 1992	Emma Longo
September 1992	-	August 1994	Ruth E. Buckley
September 1994	-	Present	Jean R. Schott

GOLD LIFETIME MEMBERS

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, their dependent, or for Community/Country may be awarded a Gold Lifetime Membership. Membership dues shall not be assessed for as long as the member lives. A Gold Lifetime membership entitles the member to all rights and privileges as outlined in CPOA C&BL Article IV Section 406. Recommendations for GLM are subject to review and approval by a two-thirds vote of the National Board of Directors, or designate, voting at the Annual Convention.

RMC STEPHEN PARKANS OCTOBER 1972

CSC KENNETT MANESS AUGUST 1975

ETC PAUL GOEKE AUGUST 1977

YNM ROBERT E. GALLAGHER AUGUST 1980

BMCM JAMES B. KANE AUGUST 1984

QMCM ROBERT M. SHANNON AUGUST 1984

BMCM WILLIAM J. SCHOTT AUGUST 1985

RMCM GLENN H. LAMBERT AUGUST 1986

ETC FOREST A. "BUD" FORD AUGUST 1987

AMC JOHN LEE CHASSEREAU AUGUST 1994

QMC FRANK ALBRIGHT AUGUST 1994

ATC RICHARD "DICK" WELLS AUGUST 1995





Rick Trent
Master Chief Petty Officer
of
The United States Coast Guard



On July 1, 1994 Master Chief Aviation Electronics Technician Rick Trent assumed his duties as the seventh Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. He was serving as the Coast Guard Pacific Area Command Enlisted Advisor when he was chosen by the Commandant. His other Command Enlisted Advisor experience occurred at the Aviation Training Center in Mobile, Ala.

A Coast Guard veteran of more than 32 years, Master Chief Trent's assignments have included Air Stations in Massachusetts, Bermuda, Alabama, Hawaii, and Florida. He has held search and rescue aircrewman designations on HU-16, HC-130, H3F, and HH-52 aircraft. In flight, he normally fulfilled the duties of radioman, navigator, or hoist operator. Other experience has included Electronics Technician, Collateral Duty Command Enlisted Advisor, Collateral Duty Career Information Specialist and Avionics Leading Chief Petty Officer. He has also served on two Total Quality Management Executive Steering Committees.



Master Chief Trent has attended more than 20 specialized training courses during his career. He is a graduate of the Coast Guard Senior Leadership and Management School, the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy and the DEOMI Equal Opportunity Program Managers Course.

While attending the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, Master Chief Trent was selected by his peers to receive the Spirit of the Chief Award. Other recognition includes the LT Robert A. Perchard Memorial Trophy, the Mobile Chapter Chief Petty Officer Association "Chief of the Year" award; and on Dec. 1, 1995, Master Chief Trent became the Coast Guard Enlisted Ancient Albatross.

Master Chief Trent's military awards include two Coast Guard Meritorious Service Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, seven Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, the Bicentennial Unit Commendation, eight Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, three Humanitarian Service Medals, the Special Operations Service ribbon, and the Coast Guard Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship ribbons.

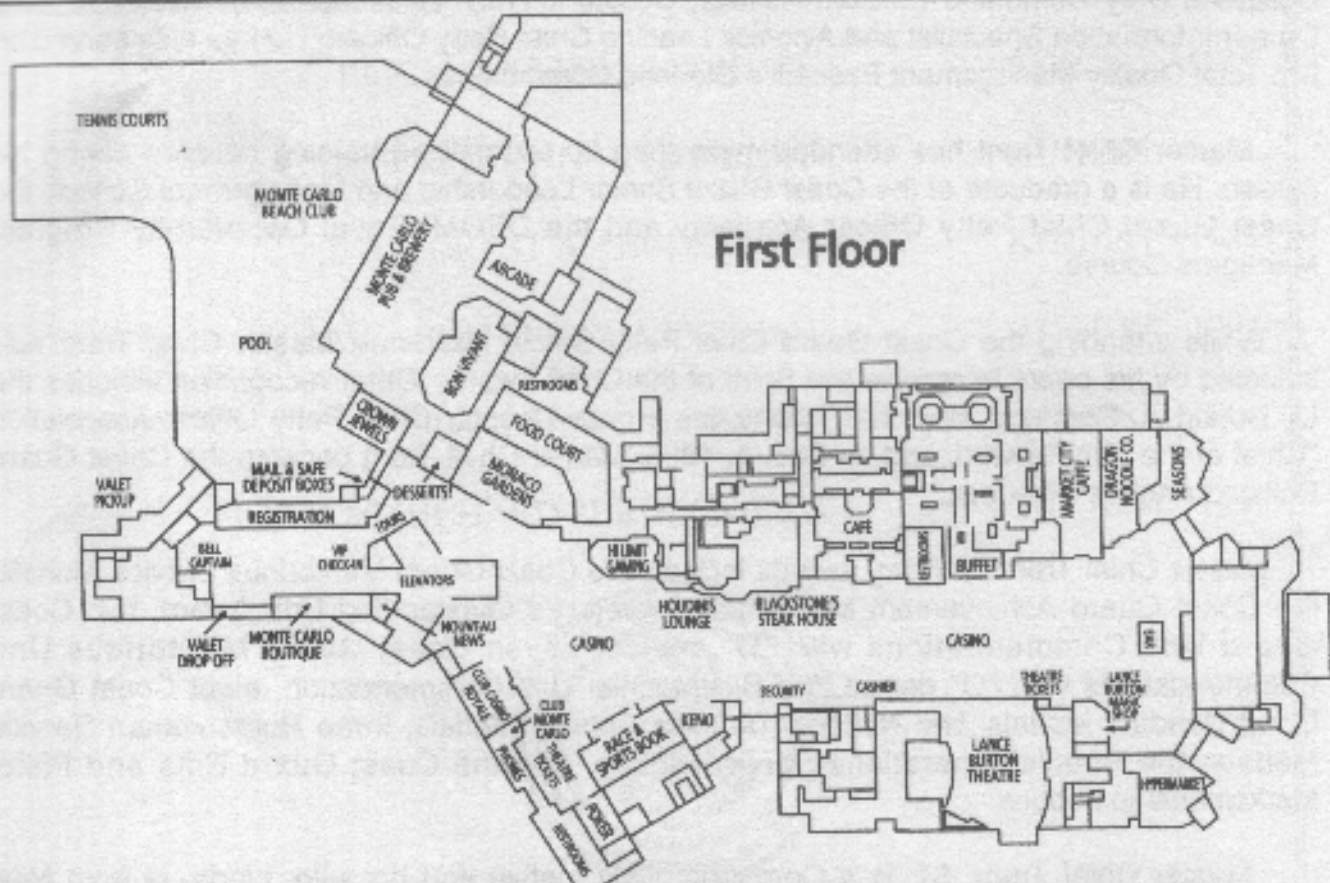
Master Chief Trent, 51, is a Coronado, Calif. native and his wife, Linda, is from New Orleans, La. They reside in Arlington, Va.



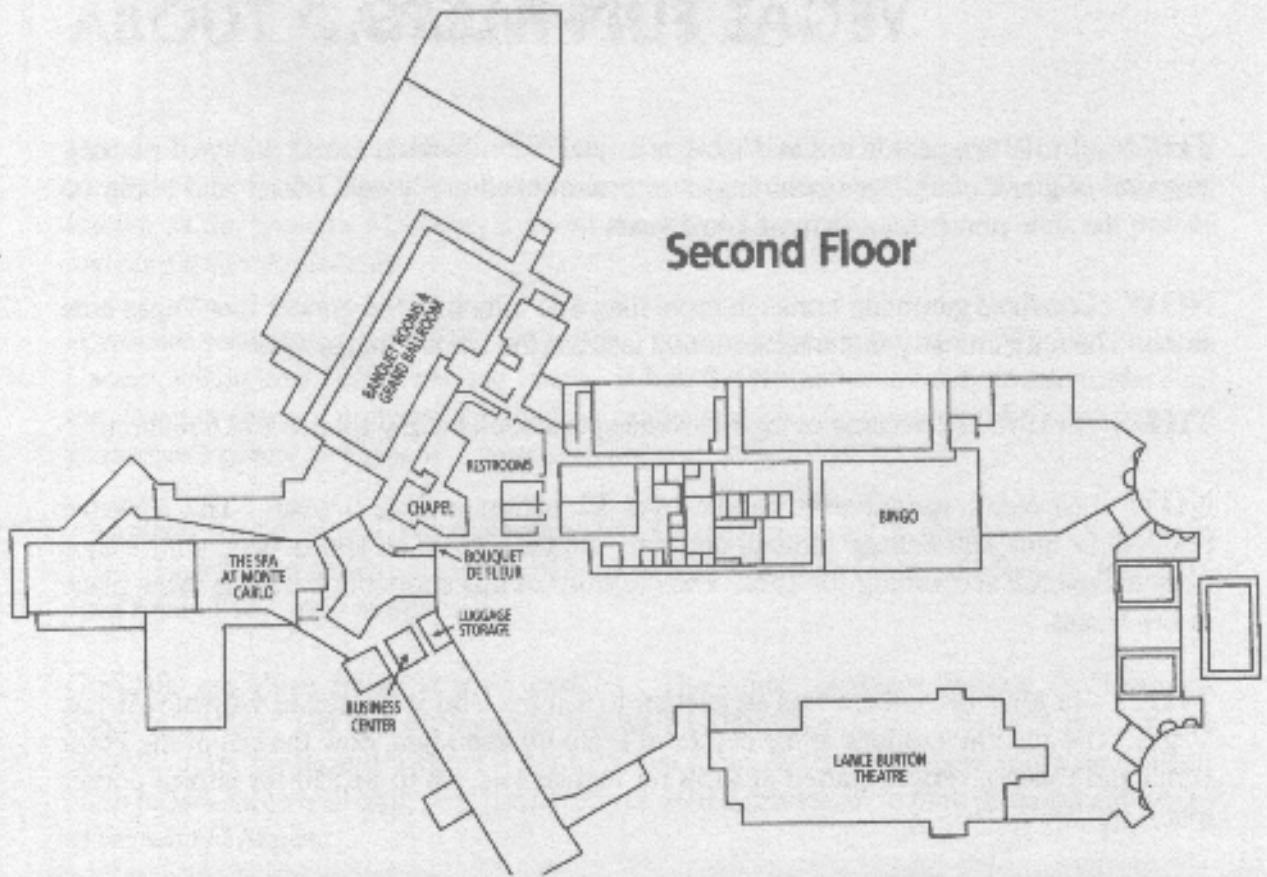
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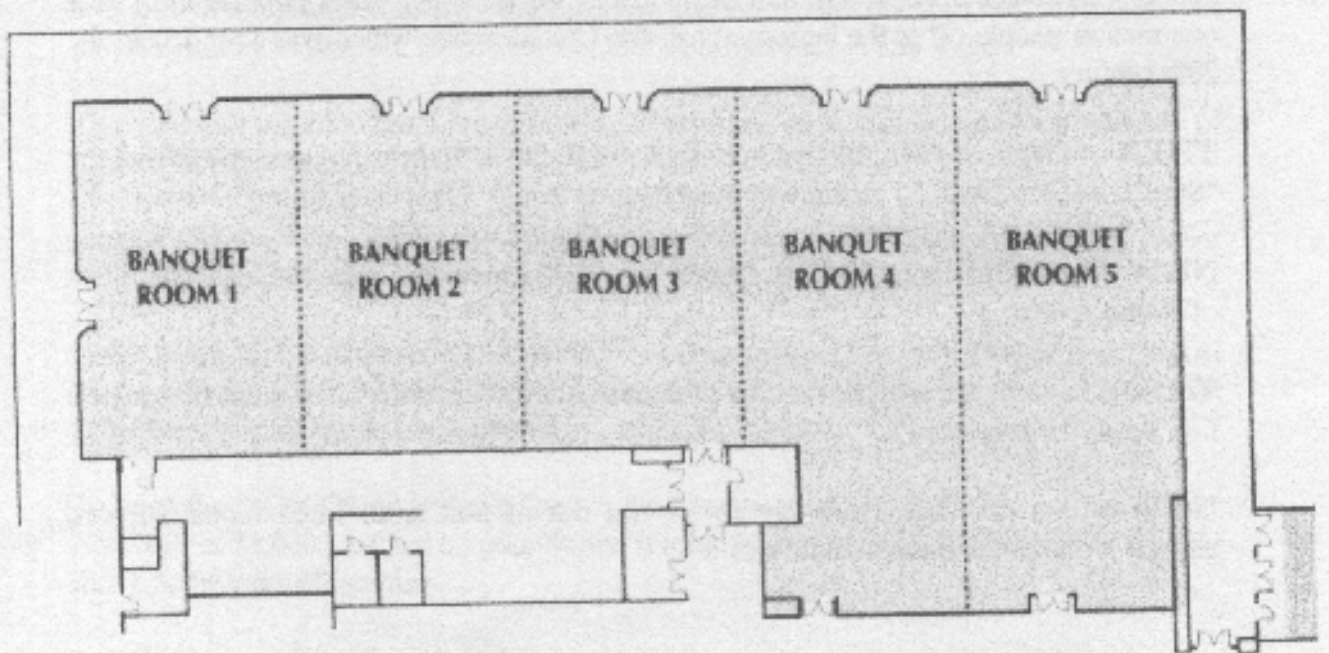
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VEGAS FUN FACTS

THEN - In 1910, a person in Las Vegas or anywhere in Nevada found guilty of running any kind of game of chance (gambling) was pronounced guilty of a felony and could be sent to the state prison for a term of 1 to 5 years.

NOW - Legalized gambling brings in more than \$35 billion to the greater Las Vegas area alone. The only industry that makes money faster is the United States Mint.

THEN - In 1976, the volume of legal Nevada sportsbook betting totaled \$54.6 million.

NOW - Nevada's sportsbooks handle over \$2 billion in bets a year. The National Football League and college football currently attract 40% of all sports bets, with Major League Baseball accounting for 25%. The majority of this sportsbook betting takes place in Las Vegas.

THEN - In May 1905, there was an auction to sell the land in blocks in Downtown Las Vegas. The auction was held at the corner of Fremont and Main, now the site of the Plaza Hotel and Casino. Prices started at \$150 for regular lots, up to \$1,750 for choice corner lots.

NOW - 17 acres of land on the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Tropicana Avenue sold for almost \$29 million. That's over \$1.7 million an acre.

THEN - When Las Vegas was incorporated as a city in 1909, the population was 1,500.

NOW - Over 4,000 people a month move to Las Vegas, which has a population of over one million people. It is the largest city in the United States which was founded in the 20th century.

THEN - In April of 1941, the first luxurious resort, the El Rancho, Vegas, opened on the "Strip." It started with 65 rooms and quickly grew to 125. (Has since burned down.)

NOW - The MGM Grand Hotel & Casino has 5,005 rooms and over 150,000 square feet of casino space.

THEN - In 1948, the average number of flights per day scheduled in and out of the local Las Vegas Airport was 12.

NOW - Over 850 flights per day fly in and out of McCarran International Airport, making it one of the busiest in the world.

ABOUT GAMBLING.....

Certified by the Guinness Book of World Records, the world's largest slot machine is located at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas. The slot machine, known as the Queen's Machine, is about the size of a small motorhome and six people can play it simultaneously.

A woman was playing one of the progressive penny slot machines at the Western Hotel & Casino, killing time before playing bingo. When the woman was ready to leave, she sold the 75 cents she had in penny credits to a gentleman. FOUR pulls later, he hit the largest progressive penny slot machine payout in history: \$95,177.50

Australian media mogul Kerry Packer won \$9 million during a New Year's holiday in 1994. Being most generous, he left behind 19 \$25,000 chips for the dealers on that shift, for a total of \$475,000 in tips.

Cocktails are given freely at most casinos. The other privileges, known as "Comps," come at a price: Bet \$50 per hand & receive a coffee shop comp - Bet \$75 per hand & receive room, meals and a show - Bet \$150 per hand & receive airfare, room and meals. High rollers receive all that, plus the hotel will send a private jet to pick them up anywhere in the United States.

Baccarat is the game most high rollers play, often betting as much as \$200,000 or more a hand. That totals out to over \$14 million an hour based on the possible 70 hands played per hour.

The slot machine is also known as the "one-armed bandit" because it has one handle or one arm which is pulled to play the machine and on occasion has a tendency to take a player's money. There are more than 117,000 slot machines in Las Vegas.

The basic slot machine has three reels with 20 symbols each, translating to a possibility of 8,000 different combinations.

Quarter slot machines are the most popular casino game in Las Vegas, followed by Dollar Slots, Blackjack/21, Nickel Slots, Baccarat and Craps.

In the game "21", it is considered blackjack anytime a player has only 2 cards which equal 21, such as an ace and a jack. The color of cards has no bearing on the game. Blackjack is the most popular table game played in Las Vegas casinos.

To open the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino, the hotel needed \$3.5 million in quarters alone. Each bag of \$1,000 weighed 60 pounds and it took 39 armored cars two nights to secretly move 3,600 bags of quarters.

DIDJA KNOW.....

Over 100,000 marriage licenses are issued in Las Vegas annually. That's an average of one "I do" every five minutes. Over 2,000 marriage licenses are issued in the three to four days preceding Valentine's Day.

The most powerful beam of light in the world shines from the top of the 30-story Luxor Hotel & Casino. The beam is equivalent to 40 billion candle power and is visible to planes at cruising altitude up to 250 miles away in Los Angeles, California.

There are no corporate, estate, inventory, personal state income, franchise or unitary taxes in Las Vegas or anywhere in the State of Nevada.

Las Vegas is the only city in the world where a train station is located in a casino. AMTRAK provides daily service in and out of Las Vegas through the Plaza Hotel & Casino in downtown Las Vegas.

At any time, 24 hours a day, you can: Gamble, Buy a refrigerator, Workout at a gym, Clean your carpets, Pawn your watch, Arrange for a caterer, Pick up your cleaning, Get a bail bondsman, Rent a maid, Sell your car, Grocery shop, Buy car parts, Call a plumber, Get a locksmith, Hire an attorney, Get a loan, Rent a date, Get married, Get divorced, Eat a meal, and much, much more!

The nickname "The Strip" was a term given to a major street in Las Vegas by a Los Angeles cop and gambler who owned the Pair-O-Dice Club in 1946. He drove between his home and his club so often that he began referring to that stretch of highway as "The Strip" after the famous Sunset Strip in Los Angeles. The nickname for what is now known as Las Vegas Boulevard stuck and is still commonly used today.

There are more than 90,000 rooms in Las Vegas and they average over a 90% occupancy rate.

Las Vegas has the least precipitation and the lowest relative humidity of any metropolitan area in the country. The average temperature is 66.3 degrees, with an average annual rainfall of 4.19 inches. Las Vegas averages 315 sunny days each year. The highest temperature ever recorded at the National Weather Service in Las Vegas was 117 on July 24, 1942 (incidentally, temperatures are recorded in the shade). When it is 100 degrees outside, it becomes 154 degrees inside a car in a matter of minutes.

Rumor has it that it gets so hot in Las Vegas during the summer that you can actually fry an egg on the sidewalk - The truth is you really can't, because it will evaporate first.

There are no visible clocks in casinos in Las Vegas. Why worry about time when you're having so much fun!

Las Vegas was given the title of "Entertainment Capital of the World" after World War II because of the variety of entertainment available to guests 24 hours a day.

Counting "The Strip" and Downtown Las Vegas, there are over 15,000 miles of lighted neon tubing.

The Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino in Downtown Las Vegas is home to the world's largest gold nugget: it weighs 61 pounds, 11 ounces and is about the size of a loaf of bread.

The precision flying team for the United States Air Force, the THUNDERBIRDS, have been based out of Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas since 1956.

When the Mirage Hotel & Casino opened in 1989, the cost was \$630 million dollars. At that time, its price tag EXCEEDED THE COST OF BUILDING ALL OTHER STRIP PROPERTIES AND HOOVER DAM COMBINED.

On September 7, 1994, Fremont Street in Downtown Las Vegas, permanently closed to vehicular traffic to make way for the exciting Fremont Street Experience project. It includes a spectacular overhead space frame which is nearly 100 feet high and 1,500 feet long. Nightly shows feature a sky parade and light show with over 2.1 million lights run by 32 computers.

Although brothels are legal in parts of Nevada, they are illegal in Las Vegas and Clark County. When Nellis Air Force Base opened in 1941, brothels were officially shut down in the Southern Nevada area.

The MGM Grand Hotel, Casino & Theme Park contains more ATM machines than any other single building in the world and has its own 40-megawatt power plant.

The volcano at the Mirage Hotel & Casino erupts every 15 minutes during the evening hours. A staff of 12 full-time employees are on hand to monitor the volcano's every Pina Colada-scented burp.

Reputed mobster Benjamin Siegel opened the original Flamingo Hilton Hotel & Casino in 1946 at a cost of \$6 million. It closed as a financial flop just 14 days later.

The L'Amour Wedding Chapel has a motorhome for "Weddings on Wheels" and a drive-up window where the minister will actually perform the ceremony while the bride and groom are in their car.

SOME FAMOUS PEOPLE OF LAS VEGAS:

Howard Hughes - Four years following his arrival to Vegas, he purchased six hotels/casinos, an air charter service, a television station, the North Las Vegas Airport, casinos in Reno, and acres of real estate - all at a cost of \$300 million.

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Sammy Davis, Jr. - Was considered one of the best entertainers to ever perform in Las Vegas. When he passed away in May, 1990, the marquee lights on The Strip went dark for 10 minutes in his honor - an unprecedented event in Las Vegas history.

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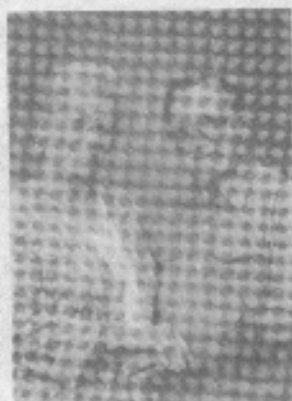


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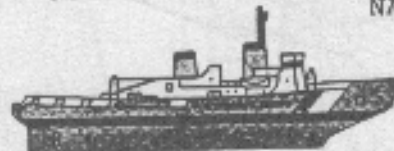
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Thanks to all for making her comfortable these past years, especially at Seattle and Corpus Christi conventions.

For all this, our sincere appreciation and thanks.

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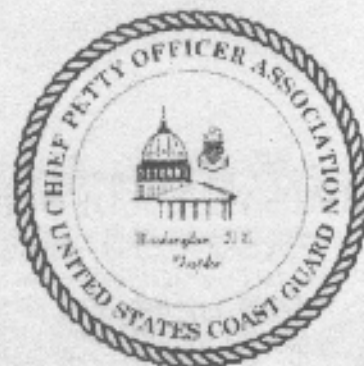
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LB CPOA HOLDS 96-98 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The LB CPOA Chapter held the 1996-1998 Officer Elections on 22 May. The subsequent installation of Officers was held on 14 June. MSTCS Robert Eckenrode relieved YNC Angelo Cleffi as the Chapter President as the gavel was passed over by CAPT Robert Gronberg, Commanding Officer Integrated Support Command San Pedro.

Here is a list of the newly elected Chapter Officers, and the phone numbers where they can be reached:

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PRESIDENT SETS NEW CHAPTER GOALS

For the good of the order -- To bring this chapter in line with Chapter & National Constitution and By-Laws. Promote active participation through selection of committee representation, to provide monthly or appropriate reports on activities as they are scheduled or occur, for the opportunity of the Chief's unity. To guarantee command support or endorsements through personal visits by Chapter officers for all activities, when ever & where ever events are held. Build camaraderie in the local Chief's corps to encourage active participation through actions, news letters, E-mails, and word of mouth. For the Good of the Order!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The LB CPOA Chapter currently has 207 members enrolled in the CPOA.

Regular Members: 186

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Our monthly regularly scheduled meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 1130. They are held on the Integrated Support Command on Terminal Island. All Chiefs are welcome, and are encouraged to attend these meetings. We look forward to your attendance.

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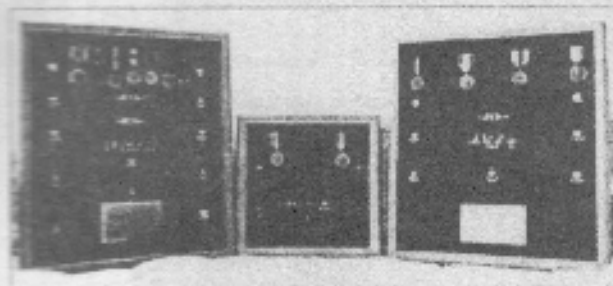
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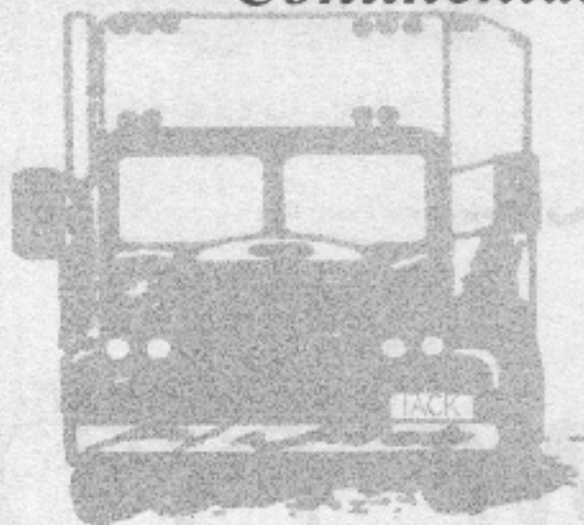


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CGd Chiefs' Associations Set Meeting

WASHINGTON—The first national conference of the Coast Guard's chief petty officer associations will be held at Headquarters September 29—October 3.

The schedule for the week includes a luncheon September 30 at which the association delegates will be greeted by Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Willard J. Smith and a second luncheon October 3 in honor of Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Charles L. Calhoun.

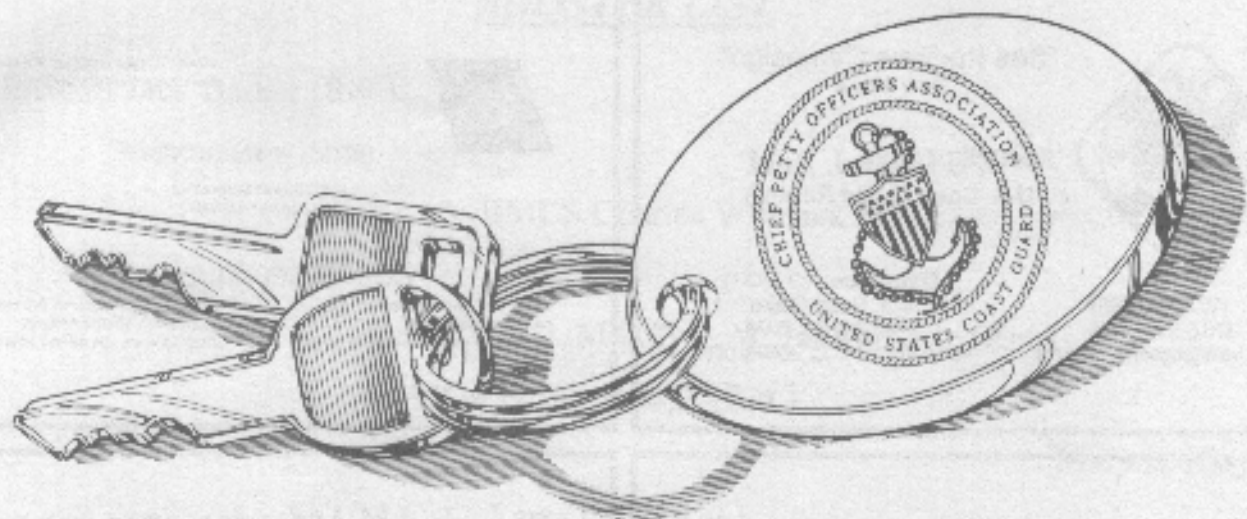
The president of the national council, Master Chief Boatswain's Mate James B. Kane, told Navy Times that the top enlisted men from the other Armed services would be on hand to welcome Calhoun, the new Master Chief of the Coast Guard.

Kane also said that the senior chief petty officer of the British Navy, who was recently made an honorary member of the association's Portland, Maine, chapter, has been invited to attend the conference.

Among the items to be discussed by the assembled delegates from the local chapters are the by-laws for the national and local associations, fees and dues, the kinds of membership to be awarded, rules for establishing new chapters and group insurance.

The Coast Guard's national CPO association is the only service-wide association in the armed forces that has only chief petty officers as members.

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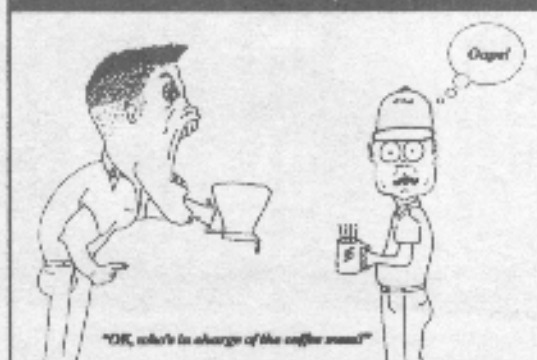


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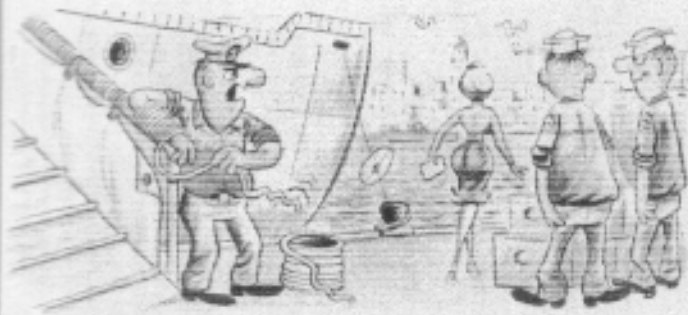
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So this then is why you were caused to experience these things. You were subjected to humiliation to prove to you that humility is a good, a great, and necessary change, which cannot hurt you. This, in fact, strengthens you and in your future as a 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 these before you.

We take a deep sincere pleasure in clasping your hand and accepting you into our midst.

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