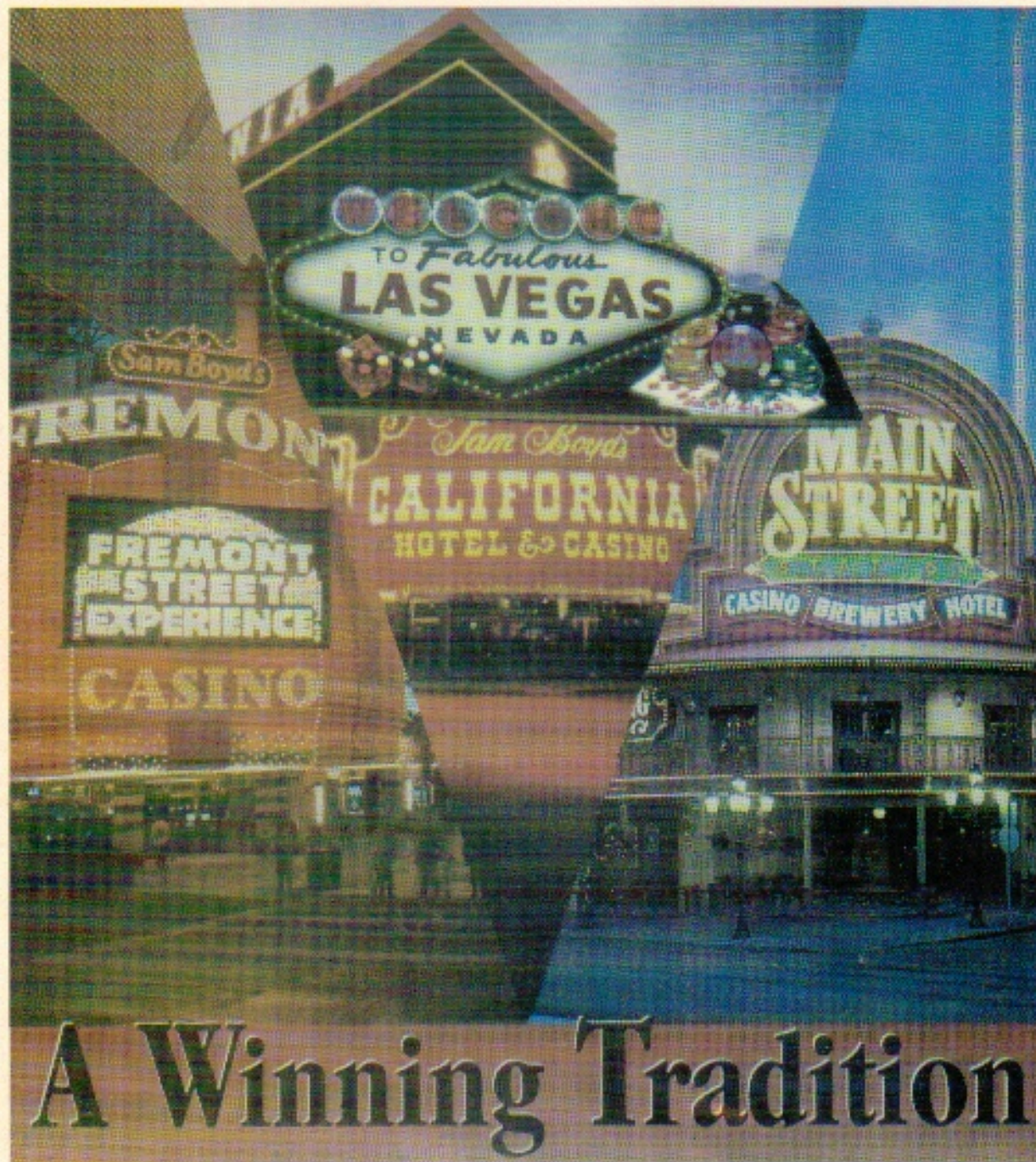


**United States Coast Guard
Chief Petty Officers Association
31st Annual National Convention**



A Winning Tradition

August 1999

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Dear Fellow Chiefs, Delegates and Friends:

Welcome to the United States Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association's 31st and the Chief Petty Officers Association Auxiliary's 21st annual national convention.

On behalf of the CPOA National Council and the Las Vegas Mavericks Chapter, we cordially welcome you to the "entertainment capital of the world." We are proud to host the last CPOA and CPOAA national convention of this century.

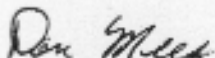
There are many attractions in Las Vegas to make it one of the most unique cities in the world. We encourage you to visit the many attractions that have brought millions of visitors to Nevada.

We have arranged a fascinating tour of Nevada's only winery in Pahrump, which is located 60 miles from Las Vegas. A bus will be provided to transport a maximum of 49 guests to the winery. A special luncheon will be prepared and served.

All convention committee members will be wearing yellow ribbons and orange and white ball caps so you can easily identify someone who will be glad to assist you and provide information regarding the convention and city of Las Vegas.

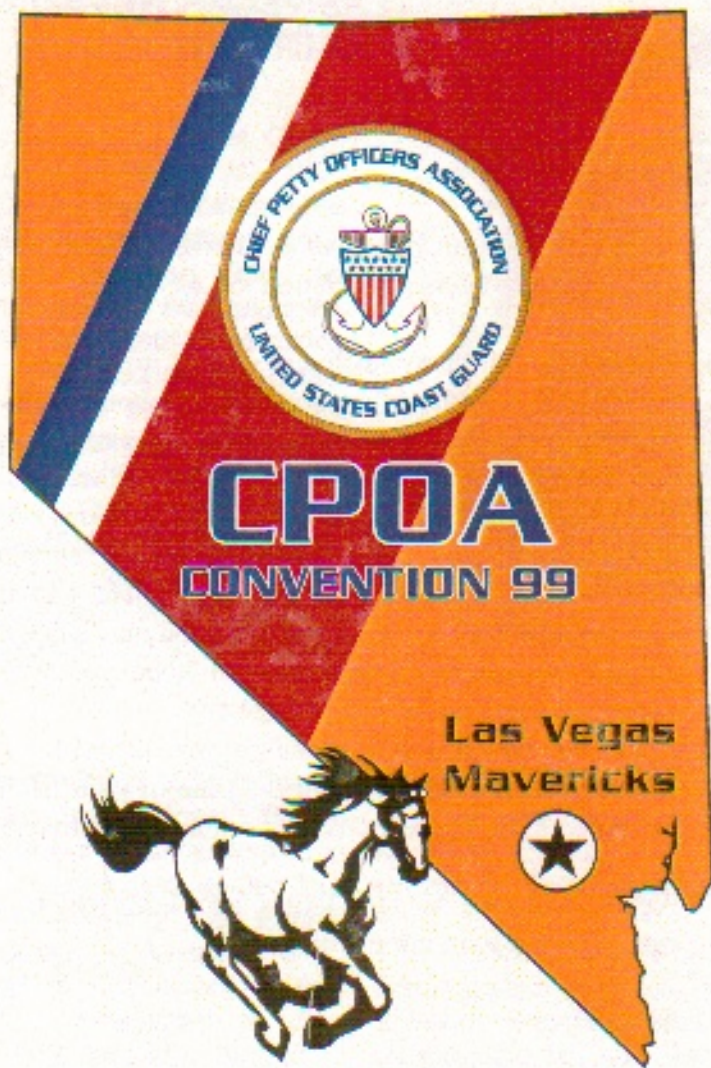
One last thought--there are a lot of jackpots out there just waiting to be hit by one of our convention visitors. Who knows, you just may go home a millionaire. Good luck to you all!

Sincerely,


Dan Mees

1999 Las Vegas Mavericks Chapter President

Welcome to 31st Annual



National CPOA Convention



**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA HOTEL AND CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
AUGUST 15-17, 1999**

**OSCAR B. GOODMAN
MAYOR**

Dear Attendees:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the citizens, I am delighted to welcome the Chief Petty Officers Association to Las Vegas!

Las Vegas is many different things to people: A complete resort destination, a city of unmatched, 24-hour excitement; a city where boundless outdoor recreation can be enjoyed throughout the year; a city that embraces the future, but still keeps close to its Old West heritage. With more than 100,000 hotel and motel rooms, nine of the largest hotels in the world, and major new resorts and attractions, Las Vegas has something for everyone. While you are here, I invite you to see a side of Las Vegas that many never see. Beyond our famed glamour and lights is a vibrant, progressive community. I hope you will allow yourselves an opportunity to explore this diverse city.

I am confident you will have the time of your life in Las Vegas, and we are proud to be the host city for your annual convention.

Again, welcome to Las Vegas and best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable stay in our exciting city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oscar Goodman".

Oscar Goodman

Mayor

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ADMIRAL JAMES M. LOY

Commandant United States Coast Guard

ADMIRAL JAMES M. LOY
OFFICER IN CHARGE
TOP SECRET

Admiral James M. Loy assumed duties as the 21st Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard in May 1998.

Admiral James Loy returned to Coast Guard Headquarters as the Chief of Staff in July 1996 after serving as the Commander, Atlantic Area and Commander, U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic from June 1994 until June 1996. As Atlantic Area Commander, he planned, coordinated and directed inter-district operations and was responsible for the conduct of Coast Guard operation in the 39 states from the Canadian border to the Caribbean, and east of the Rocky Mountains. As the Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic Commander, he provided a fully integrated Coast Guard/Navy command-and-control network for the defense of ports, harbors and coastal waters in his area of responsibility and for export to U.S. commands overseas.

The Admiral was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and entered the Coast Guard in 1964 following graduation from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering. He has commanded four Coast Guard Cutters including the POINT LOMAS on combat patrols in Vietnam; CGC VALIENT, homeported in Galveston, Texas; and CGC MIDGETT, homeported in San Francisco, California. He has also served in flag assignments as Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District, New Orleans, Louisiana and as Chief, Office of Personnel and Training at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Loy attended post graduate school at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, Rhode Island, earning Masters degrees in History/Government and Public Administration.



He attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces at Fort Leslie J. McNair in Washington, DC. He was also an intern at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Admiral's awards include four Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medals, the Defense Superior Service Medal, two Legion of Merit awards, the Bronze Star with Combat "V", the Meritorious Service Medal, five Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and other unit and campaign awards.

Admiral Loy and his wife, the former Kay McGirk, have two children: Kelly Loy Morf of Cary, North Carolina and Michael, a Coast Guard junior officer currently stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana.



VINCENT W. PATTON, III
Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard

Master Chief Patton became the Eighth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard on May 22, 1998. He is the principal advisor to the Commandant of the Coast Guard, Admiral James Loy, and his directorates. Master Chief Patton's primary focus is on quality of life issues, career development, work environment and personnel matters affecting over 36,000 active duty and reserve enlisted personnel.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Master Chief Patton enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in June 1972. His first assignment after graduating from Radioman School in 1973 was aboard the USCGC DALLAS, Governors Island, NY. Other duty stations as a radioman include: Coast Guard Group and Air Station Detroit, MI and Recruiting Office Chicago, IL.

In 1979, Master Chief Patton changed his occupational rating from radioman to yeoman. As a yeoman he was assigned to the Ninth Coast Guard District Office, Cleveland, OH, two separate tours at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, and an afloat tour on USCGC BOUTWELL, Seattle, WA. He served as the Command Master Chief for the Coast Guard Atlantic Area from 1993-1998.

All of Master Chief Patton's college education was earned while on active duty. He received his Doctor of Education degree in 1984 from the American University, Washington, DC. His dissertation was based on the development and implementation of the Coast Guard Enlisted Evaluation System. He has a Masters degree in Counseling Psychology from Loyola University, Chicago, IL; a Bachelor of Science degree, in Social Work from Shaw College at Detroit, MI; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Pacific College, Angwin, CA. He is a graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy, U. S. Army Sergeants Major Academy (with distinction), and the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute.

Master Chief Patton's numerous military awards include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon, eight Meritorious Team awards, eight Coast Guard Good Conduct awards, and the Sea Service Ribbon with bronze star.

An avid runner, Master Chief Patton has completed over 100 running events in the past eight years including fifteen marathons.

Master Chief Patton has two children, a son, Hassan who is a U. S. Army veteran, and a daughter, Amberleigh. He is married to the former Nancy Kocher of Boston, MA, who is a computer systems consultant. Master Chief Patton, his wife and daughter reside in Arlington, VA.

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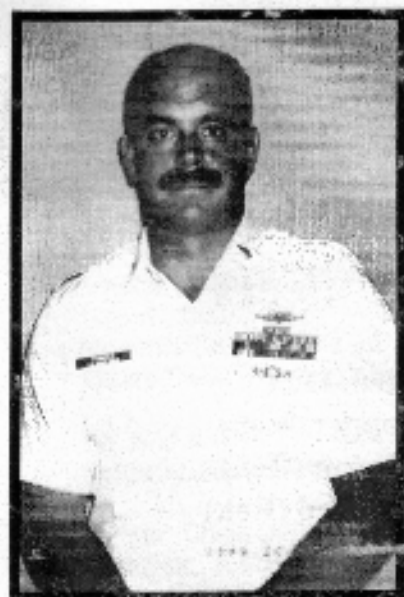
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CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL
AND THE NATIONAL OFFICE
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CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to Change)

All events will take place on the second floor of the California Hotel & Casino. Signs will be posted for your convenience..

Sunday, August 15

1000 - 1700 Registration

Monday, August 16

0730 - 0830 Late registration

0900 - 1100 Opening Ceremonies

1130 - 1400 Past President's Luncheon

1400 - 1700 General Session of CPOA and CPOAA

Tuesday, August 17

0800 - 1130 General Session of CPOA and CPOAA

1130 - 1300 Break

1300 - 1700 General Session of CPOA and CPOAA

Wednesday, August 18

0800 - 1000 General Session of CPOA and CPOAA

1000 Bus leaves California Hotel for
Pahrump Winery Tour

Thursday, August 19

0800 - 1130 General Session of CPOA and CPOAA

1130 - 1300 Break

1300 - 1700 General Session of CPOA and CPOAA

1800 - 1900 Grand Military Ball Social Hour

1900 - 0030 Grand Military Ball

Friday, August 20

0800 - 1100 Closing Ceremonies

HOSPITALITY ROOM (Closed During Sessions)

Sunday 1000 - Midnight

Monday thru Friday 0700 - 2400

Saturday 0700 - 1200

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD CPOA/CPOAA 1999 NATIONAL CONVENTION OPENING CEREMONY

Seating of all Honored Guests and Visitors

Presentation of Colors.....Marine Corp League

Invocation.....CPOA National Chaplain PSCM Adrian Rymer, (Ret.)

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem.....Ms. Lula Collins

Recitation of CPOA Preamble.....National President, MKCM "Doug" D.E. Robertson

Recitation of CPOA Auxiliary Preamble.....National President, Kathy Phelps

Memorial Service "Crossed the Bar".....National 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.....National President, MKCM "Doug" D.E. Robertson

Outstanding Unit Awards.....National President, Kathy Phelps

Host Chapter.....RMCM Dan Mees (Ret.)

Introduction of Past National Presidents

Introduction of Gold Lifetime Members

Awards/Special Presentations

Keynote Speaker

End of Ceremony.....1999 National Convention Convenes

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 of the CGHQ. However, the Association went forward anyway and in December 1933, met at the War Memorial Building in Baltimore, Maryland. This meeting was described as "the most significant of any previous meeting in the affairs of CPOs and the real cornerstone of the organization was laid." However, the actual establishment date was March 25, 1933, at the Coast Guard Depot at Curtis Bay, Maryland, 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, have a better understanding and fellowship, advance the best interests of the enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard-- especially of those associated as members of this organization, extend all possible relief to their widows and children, to foster the cultivation of military discipline, and pledge 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. Admiral Willard J. Smith officially recognized the CPOA on April 7, 1969. The CPOA now has 60 chapters nationwide with approximately 10,000 members.

*In Memory of Those Who Have Crossed the Bar
And Cannot Be with Us*

August 1999

- SKC Domitilo Aguirre, Ret.
 SSI Herschell W. Aldrich, Ret.
 ENC D.G. Allen, Ret.
 AYC Russell F. Ames, Ret.
 ENC Milton C. Anderson, Ret.
 BMC Edmond L. Ariada, Ret.
 LICS John R. Baum, Ret.
 ENC Douglas Bedeck, Ret.
 SSI Thomas M. Benner, Ret.
 FICS Larry A. Berg, Ret.
 BMCS Robert Birch, Ret.
 EMC Bernard A. Blair, Ret.
 SSC Peter A. Bliett, Ret.
 LT James N. Blythe
 ADCM James A. Boona, Ret.
 ADC Harold V. Booth, Ret.
 ALC Nathan C. Brady, Ret.
 EMC Earl W. Brinkman, Ret.
 EMCS James M. Brooks, Ret.
 AMCM William R. Brothertz, Ret.
 EMCM Edward F. Brown, Ret.
 ADC Ronald R. Bruner, Ret.
 GMC David C. Browning, Ret.
 BMC Frank R. Campbell, Ret.
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 ETCS Bobby J. Carter, Ret.
 SS2 Wilfred C. Clifton, Ret.
 SKC Frank L. Cordan, Ret.
 RMC J.D. Crauen, Ret.
 ENC Garfield Curles, Ret.
 ADC Jack D. Degenhart, Ret.
 ADC Frank R. Darling, Ret.
 EM2 Michael J. DeAngelo, Ret.
 EMC Nathan E. Eason, Ret.
 ENC Richard S. Edge, Ret.
- CWO Douglas M. Epstein
 BMC James M. Hroolin, Ret.
 EMC George W. Hskew, Ret.
 RDI Bruce D. Fahringer, Ret.
 SKC James W. Farmer, Ret.
 BMC Eldon H. Farrow, Ret.
 GMC Milio A. Favero, Ret.
 YNC Kenneth R. Feick, Ret.
 ENC Fred C. Foeter, Ret.
 SKC Herbert Fox, Ret.
 SKCS Leo G. Francisco
 BMC J.D. Freeman, Ret.
 BMT Donald L. Gaines
 ETC Victor Galvan, Ret.
 BMCS George H. Garrett, Ret.
 BMCS James W. Gillikin, Ret.
 ALC William B. Goodwin, Ret.
 SDC Dandy Gramaje, Ret.
 GMC Herbert L. Gray, Ret.
 CSC Franklin D. Greenway, Ret.
 HMCJ John Grenley, Ret.
 CWO K.D. Gruenewald, Ret.
 QM3 Donald P. Haynes, Ret.
 ADC H. Oakley Haynis, Ret.
 BMCS Donald E. Hendrick, Ret.
 ETC Robert T. Huard, Ret.
 YNC Luther D. Huffman, Ret.
 ENC Thomas D. Hunter, Ret.
 MMC Walter S. Hussey, Ret.
 BMC Edwin J. Johnson, Ret.
 BMC Frank A. Johnson, Ret.
 ASMCM James J. Johnson, Ret.
 BMCM Richard P. Johnson, Ret.
 TTC Sam B. Kale, Ret.
- RMCS John A. Knowles, Ret.
 BMC Robert R. Knowles, Ret.
 PSC Henry Kohmert, USCGR, Ret.
 EMC Cecil H. Lanier, Ret.
 YNC Kenneth R. Layton, Ret.
 HMC Louis W. Leslie, Ret.
 BMC Jack C. Lewis, Ret.
 ENC Philip A. Lincoln, Ret.
 MMC Edward Tom Ling, Ret.
 BMC John S. Lulamaga, Ret.
 BMC Clifton L. Loggins, Ret.
 SKCM Kenny N. Loggins, Ret.
 SKC John J. Lyons, Ret.
 BMCS Francis W. Lyver, Ret.
 BMT Gafoa F. Malae, Ret.
 CSC James T. Mathis, Ret.
 BMC Kevin F. McGeary, Ret.
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 EN1 Charles M. Montgomery
 BMC Robert L. Morris, Ret.
 GMC William C. Nabis, Ret.
 PSCM Joe W. Neaves, Ret.
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 YNC Donald W. Ogden, Ret.
 HSCM William M. Olmstead, Ret.
 EMC Ralph L. Ormsby, Ret.
 BMCM Thomas F. Palotta, Ret.
 ENC Frank Pankowitz, Ret.
 RMCS James R. Patterson, Ret.
 CWO Stephen Peckionis, Ret.
 ENC Niles C. Pendleton, Ret.
 BMCS Ovidio A. Petris, Ret.

"It is for ourselves that we
mourn . . ."

When our sailing nears its ending
When our course is all but run,
When the scenes of past endeavors
Crowd upon us one by one.

When we see in true perspective
Knowing wrong and knowing right
May we say like all good sailors
I have fought a noble fight.

May we find our lifelong courses
I have not been in vain,
Lest the bearings we have plotted
Must be reckoned out again.

When we leave our earthly bodies
Buried deep in sea or sod,
May our endeavors be our glory
When we go to meet our God."

QMC Robert H. Petty, Ret.
CSC Joseph J. Pietrus, Ret.
SKCM Joseph Pollardo, Ret.
HNC Fred Pratt, Ret.
SKC Betson D. Price, Jr., Ret.
HNC Stanley W. Pridham, Ret.
BMCS Raymond R. Ramsey, Ret.
AD1 Robert C. Randall, Ret.
MKCM Frank I. Reese, Ret.
RMC George S. Reichwein, Ret.
HMC Wayne T. Renner, Ret.
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BMCS Gerald A. Rowh, Ret.
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MKC Stephen C. Sawyer
ATCM James L. Saxon, Ret.
AMC William M. Saylor, Ret.
ATCS Terrill W. Schmitt, Ret.
AOC John J. Shaffer, Ret.
QCMC Robert M. Shannon, Ret.
GMC Richard W. Siewierski, Ret.
BMCS Tabasads R. Smith, Ret.
YNC Arthur Snodgrass, Ret.
BMC Georges R. Sprenger, Ret.
HNCM Floyd G. Stretch, Ret.

CAPT Joseph M. Tanguay, Ret.
GMC Warren A. Templeman, Ret.
BMC Cecil J. Toms, Ret.
SDC R.M. Valderrama, Ret.
ENCS Franklin M. Vance, Ret.
MKC Charles O. Vanbing, Ret.
EMI Davis E. Warden, Ret.
BMI Darrell A. Weber, Ret.
MMC Olyn M. Weebles, Ret.
BMC Ronald C. Westergren, Ret.
ATCM Paul M. Wilhelm, Ret.
EMCS John R. Williams, Ret.
BMC C.E. Willis, Ret.
BTC Domenic Wins, Ret.
QMC R.H. Zettlemoyer, Ret.

**GOLD LIFETIME MEMBERS
OF THE
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

Gold Lifetime Members (GLM) - Any Regular member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary manner as to promote and advance the welfare of fellow members, their dependents or their community or 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 the 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.

GOLD LIFETIME MEMBERS

RMC Stephen Parkans*	October 1972
CSC Kennett Maness*	August 1975
ETC Paul Goeke	August 1977
YNCM Robert E. Gallagher	August 1980
BMCM James B. Kane	August 1984
QMCM Robert B. Shannon*	August 1984
BMCM William J. Schott	August 1985
RMCM Glenn H. Lambert	August 1996
ETC Forest A. "Bud" Ford*	August 1987
AMC John Lee Chassereau	August 1994
QMC Frank Albright	August 1994
ATC Richard "Dick" Wells	August 1995
ETCM Timothy M. Lackey	August 1996
BMCM David C. Miller	August 1996
BMC Louis C. Licea	August 1997
BMCS Jack F. Crowley	August 1998
YNC Alex M. Chapman	August 1998

1999 NOMINATION FOR GOLD LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Nominees	Chapter
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No Resolutions were submitted

* Indicates deceased Gold Lifetime Members.

HISTORY OF CPOA/CPOAA NATIONAL MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS

	LOCATION	HOST CHAPTER	DATE
1	Washington, D.C.	Washington, D.C.	October 1969
2	Governors Island, New York	New York	09/28 - 10/02/70
3	Alameda, California	San Francisco	09/27 - 10/01/71
4	New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans	10/04 - 10/06/72
5	Portsmouth, Virginia	Portsmouth	10/05 - 10/07/73
6	St. Louis, Missouri	St. Louis	10/07 - 10/12/74
7	St. Petersburg, Florida	St. Petersburg	08/04 - 08/09/75
8	Santa Rosa, California	Petaluma	08/01 - 08/07/76
9	Baltimore, Maryland	Baltimore	08/07 - 08/13/77
10	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	08/13 - 08/18/78
11	Mobile, Alabama	Mobile	08/12 - 08/17/79
12	St. Petersburg, Florida	St. Petersburg	08/18 - 08/23/80
13	Green Bay, Wisconsin	Green Bay	08/10 - 08/14/81
14	Norfolk, Virginia	Norfolk	08/23 - 08/27/82
15	Nashville, Tennessee	Cumberland	08/11 - 08/14/83
16	Santa Rosa, California	Petaluma	08/13 - 08/17/84
17	San Antonio, Texas	Houston	08/12 - 08/16/85
18	Key West, Florida	Southern Most	08/11 - 08/15/86
19	Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland	08/11 - 08/15/87
20	St. Louis, Missouri	St. Louis	08/15 - 08/19/88
21	Orlando, Florida	St. Petersburg	08/21 - 08/25/89
22	Corpus Christi, Texas	Corpus Christi	08/13 - 08/17/90
23	Williamsburg, Virginia	Yorktown	08/16 - 08/20/91
24	Las Vegas, Nevada	San Diego/Las Vegas Mavericks	08/17 - 08/21/92
25	Washington, D.C.	Washington, D.C.	08/17 - 08/20/93
26	Seattle, Washington	Seattle	08/22 - 08/26/94
27	Corpus Christi, Texas	Corpus Christi	08/20 - 08/25/95
28	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Mavericks	08/19 - 08/23/96
29	Cleveland, Ohio	North Coast	08/24 - 08/29/97
30	Mobile, Alabama	Mobile	08/31 - 09/04/98
31	Las Vegas, Nevada	Las Vegas Mavericks	08/15 - 08/20/99

**PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

FROM	TO	NAME	FROM	TO	NAME
October 1969	April 1970	BMCM J. B. Kane	September 1981	August 1983	QMC R. Longo
May 1970	June 1970	QMCM R. M. Shannon	September 1983	August 1985	BMCM D. Miller
July 1970	April 1972	YNCS E. C. Mason	September 1985	August 1988	ATC R. W. Wells
May 1972	June 1973	ETCM L. Martinez	September 1988	August 1990	QMC F. Albright
July 1973	June 1975	YNCM F.E. Smith	September 1990	August 1992	MKCM D. E. Robertson
July 1975	April 1976	YNC D. D. Orolfo	September 1992	August 1994	EMCM L.E. Maher
May 1976	June 1976	YNC H. W. Walker	September 1994	August 1996	YNC J.A. Shipp
July 1976	June 1978	RMCM G. H. Lambert	September 1996	August 1998	BMCS R. F. Sennholtz, Jr.
July 1978	August 1979	BMCM W. J. Schott	September 1998	Present	MKCM D. E. Robertson
September 1979	August 1981	BMCM J. Deluca			

**PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS
CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY**

FROM	TO	NAME
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	August 1998	Jean R. Schott
September 1998	Present	Kathy Phelps

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Premier comedian and outstanding artist, Mr. Red Skelton, presented the following inspirational version of our Pledge of Allegiance on the "Red Skelton Hour" on 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 States	that means that we have all come together.
And to the Republic	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.
For which it stands,	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.
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?"

I am the Flag

by Ruth Apperson Rous

I am the flag of the United States of America.

I was born on June 14, 1777, in Philadelphia.

There the Continental Congress adopted my stars and stripes as the national flag.

My thirteen stripes alternating red and white, with a union of thirteen white stars in a field of blue, represented a new constellation, a new nation dedicated to the personal and religious liberty of mankind.

Today fifty stars signal from my union, one for each of the fifty sovereign states in the greatest constitutional republic the world has ever known.

My colors symbolize the patriotic ideals and spiritual qualities of the citizens of my country.

My red stripes proclaim the fearless courage and integrity of American men and boys and the self-sacrifice and devotion of American mothers and daughters.

My white stripes stand for liberty and equality for all.

My blue is the blue of heaven, loyalty, and faith.

I represent these eternal principles: liberty, justice, and humanity.

I embody American freedom: freedom of speech, religion, assembly, the press, and the sanctity of the home.

I typify that indomitable spirit of determination brought to my land by Christopher Columbus and by all my forefathers - the Pilgrims, Puritans, settlers at James town and Plymouth.

I am as old as my nation.

I am a living symbol of my nation's law: the Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights.

I voice Abraham Lincoln's philosophy: "A government of the people, by the people, for the people."

I stand guard over my nation's schools, the seedbed of good citizenship and true patriotism.

I am displayed in every schoolroom throughout my nation; every schoolyard has a flag pole for my display.

Daily thousands upon thousands of boys and girls pledge their allegiance to me and my country.

I have my own law—Public Law 829, "The Flag Code" - which definitely states my correct use and display for all occasions and situations.

I have my special day, Flag Day. June 14 is set aside to honor my birth.

Americans, I am the sacred emblem of your country. I symbolize your birthright, your heritage of liberty purchased with blood and sorrow.

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FTC RICHARD A. GRAFFIUS, USN Ret.

CHIEF GRAFFIUS is an associate member of the USCG CPOA Las Vegas Mavericks Chapter. He joined the U.S. Navy on 15 Feb 1937, and retired 07 Oct 1957. The following is a short chronicle of the Pearl Harbor attack with some of Chief Graffius' personal thoughts:

Fire Controlman 2C Richard Graffius was serving aboard the destroyer (tin can) USS MONAGHAN (DD 354), Squadron 1, Division II in Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack. The MONAGHAN was moored with three other destroyers to a single buoy near Pearl City. The MONAGHAN was moored outboard for fast clearance or "Ready Duty."

On the morning of 07 Dec 1941, PO2 Graffius left the mess deck and had ascended the ladder to the main deck precisely as "prep" was executed (5 minutes before the raising of the U.S. Flag). Looking aft, a plane with the "red ball" (rising sun of Japan) was releasing a torpedo at the battleship USS UTAH which was moored at Ford Island (center of the bay). Then all HELL broke loose all over the harbor. All ships went to general quarters (manning of battle stations). PO2 Graffius' battle station was at the range finder and he was a spotter on the main battery directly located above the bridge. There was a great deal of confusion on the bridge radio. Everyone was giving orders. The Japanese were ordering "cease fire all ships." The MONAGHAN was underway in short order and by then the radios were squawking "a sub is in the harbor."

As the MONAGHAN started out of the channel, a crew member spotted a submarine periscope in the channel dead ahead near the aircraft tender USS CURTIS. The captain ordered flank speed and preparation was made to drop depth charges or ram the sub. All guns that could bear forward on the ship fired at the area of the periscope because the depth of the harbor put the conning tower of the sub near the water surface. As the MONAGHAN closed range on the sub, they evidently heard the tin can coming and fired a torpedo at it. From PO2 Graffius' vantage point, he watched a torpedo pass down the starboard side about fifteen feet out from the bow of the ship and missing the stern (the torpedo should have exploded when it hit the beach at Pearl City). The torpedo no longer had PO2 Graffius' attention, but the sub sure did--it was still there!

The MONAGHAN closed and passed over the sub while the stern raised and shook violently as depth charges exploded. The crew had no way of knowing the extent of damage. The captain immediately ordered "emergency astern." Due to the speed necessary to release the depth charges, they were running out of harbor, and the crew could feel the tin can's bow going aground as the ship started backing down.

The MONAGHAN proceeded out of the harbor past total destruction, with burning oil and smoke all round them. The MONAGHAN was either the first or second ship out of the harbor. The MONAGHAN got some attention from planes trying to clog up the channel entrance with the tin can. It is believed three gunners on the 50 caliber machine gun shot down two or three of the zeros, but that was never confirmed and still remains a question.

By the end of the day, all ships still afloat formed a task force. The task force spent three days looking for a supposed "troop ship"—Chief Graffius believes that "if they [the Japanese] had landed troops at the same time as the aerial attack, they could have taken the island." There were no U.S. aircraft carriers in port during the attack. However, they did arrive near the end of the day. However, due to the confusion, planes from the U.S. carriers attempting to land in Pearl Harbor the evening of 07 Dec, were getting shot at—or so it was rumored.

All battleships (nine) were badly damaged. The USS Arizona was a total loss due to a bomb landing down the stack into a powder magazine. To this day, many sailors are entombed in the USS Arizona. Two dry-docked tin cans were lost, but most of them escaped severe damage. The war, however, was not over for PO2 Graffius and his shipmates on the MONAGHAN.

In addition to their Pearl Harbor experience, they saw action in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, the Coral Sea, and Midway Island.

All of the ships that were able to get underway from Pearl Harbor were joined with aircraft carriers to form the task force that destroyed four Japanese aircraft carriers. This was the turning point of the war in the Pacific. After this action, the MONAGHAN was sent to the Aleutian Islands, Alaska on submarine patrol. Shipboard routine consisted of four hours on duty and eight hours off duty with general quarters morning and night. "It was very cold and lousy duty." During the Aleutian Island patrol, PO2 Graffius' tin can destroyed a large cargo submarine during the invasion of Attu and Kiska Islands.

PO2 Graffius said, "My last entry into battle was little known and actually worse than Pearl Harbor to me personally." The battle of the Komandorski Islands located off the Aleutians Islands in the Bering Sea was especially memorable. This action lasted nearly four hours with continuous gunfire from two Japanese heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, and four destroyers. Our force consisted of one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser, and four tin cans: the USS SALT LAKE CITY, USS RICHMOND, USS BAILEY, USS CONELAN, USS DALE, and USS MONAGHAN.

The water temperature was 41 degrees. Life jackets were not used because a person could not survive in this water if their ship was lost. After over three hours into this battle, the heavy cruiser's aft gun was hit and was stopped dead in the water. The USS DALE laid a smoke screen around the USS SALT LAKE CITY and the other three destroyers went in on a torpedo attack. The Japanese ships received many hits from the 5-inch guns of the tin cans. The Japanese turned and retreated from this action.

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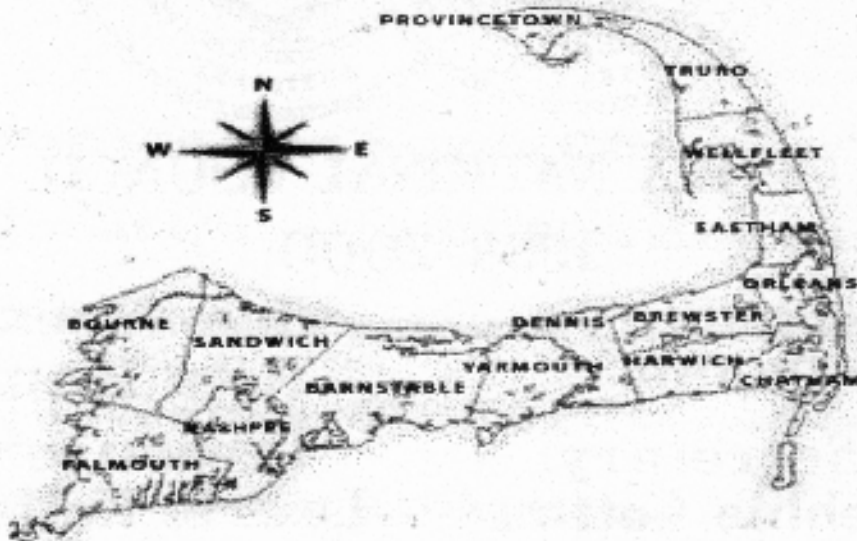
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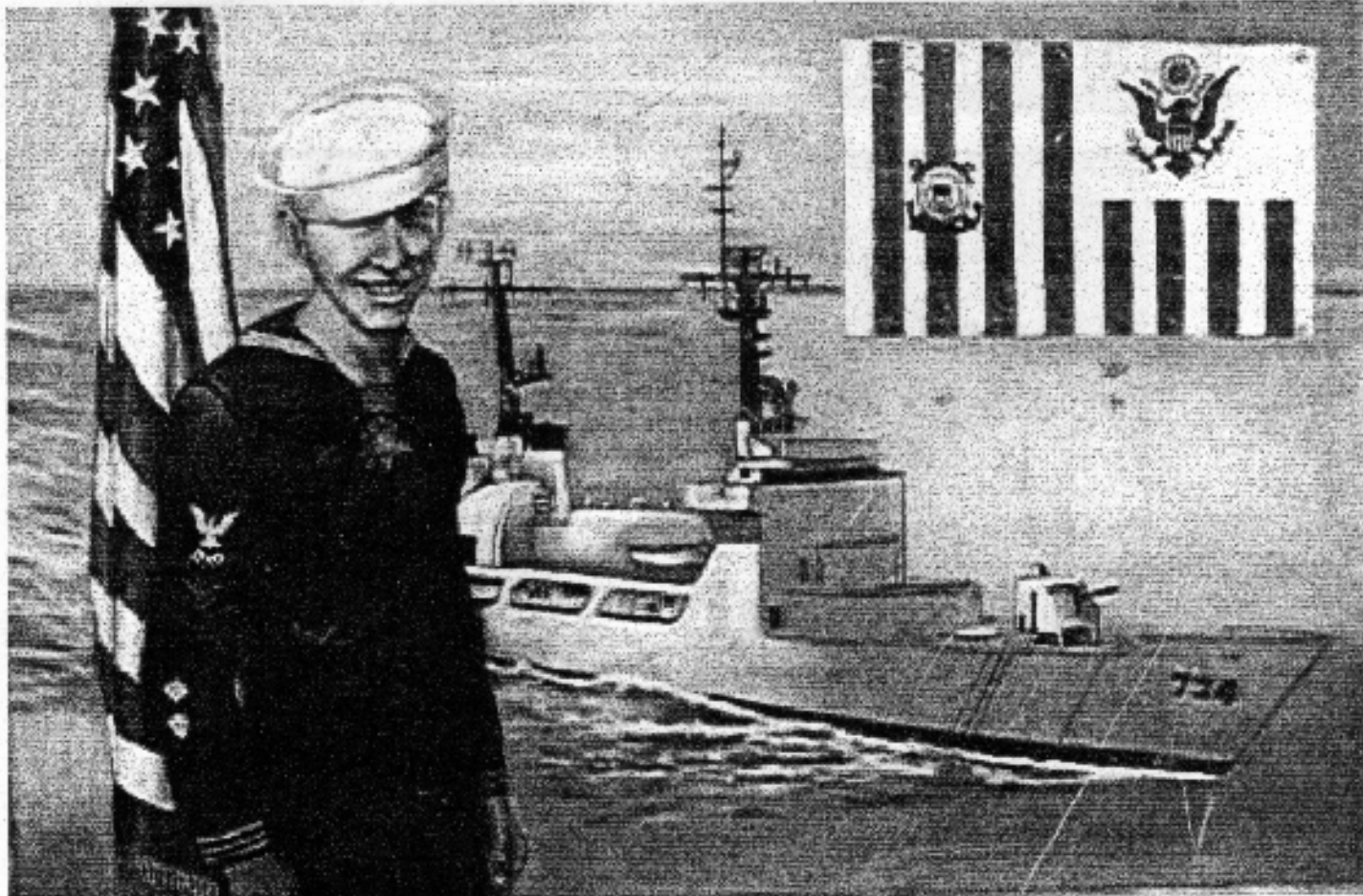


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The portrait of SM1 Douglas A. Munro, will be formally unveiled on 27 September, 1999, which is the anniversary of his death, at Cle Elum, Washington. It is displayed in an incomplete format, so that persons wishing to purchase the print can have a visual rendition of the completed work. This is done out of respect to Mrs. Pat Sheehan, his sister, who will be the recipient of artist proof print #1. Prints available Sept. 28, 1999.



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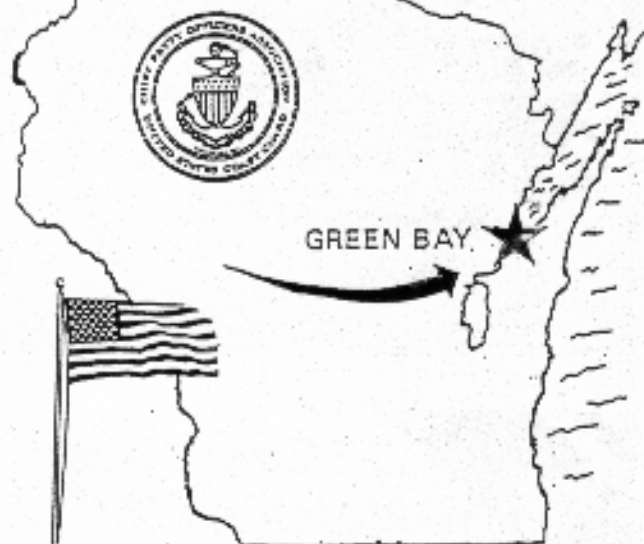
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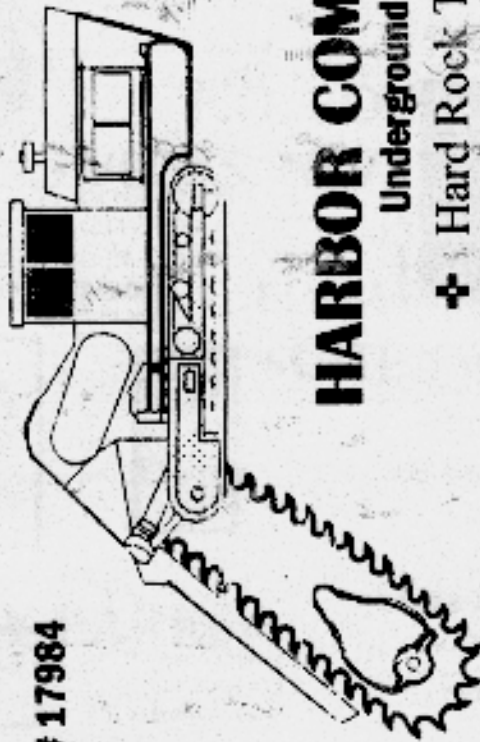
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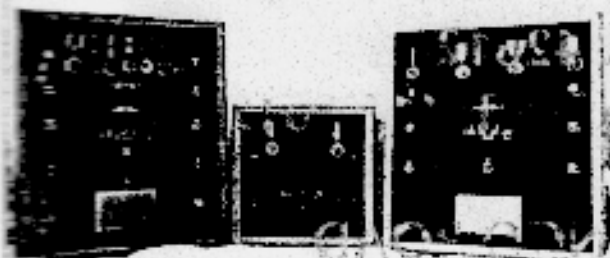
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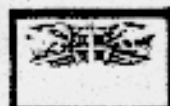
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A record-setting 29,600,000 travelers visited Las Vegas in 1996. More than 38% of all United States residents have visited Las Vegas at least once, according to a recent US Travel Industry Association survey.

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Latest figures estimate that 6,000 new residents move into the Las Vegas Valley each month, making Southern Nevada one of the fastest growing areas in the United States. In fact, the telephone books are printed and distributed twice a year.

In the time it takes most visitors and residents to eat lunch, approximately one hour, Clark County reports that two acres are being developed per hour, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

New Las Vegas move into a home every one hour and seven minutes around the clock, every day of the year.

★★★★Significance of the Flag Folding Ritual★★★★

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton on blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

- ▶ The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- ▶ The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.
- ▶ The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks and who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- ▶ The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.
- ▶ The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
- ▶ The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
- ▶ The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
- ▶ The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
- ▶ The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of men and women who have made this country great have been molded.
- ▶ The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
- ▶ The eleventh fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
- ▶ The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

"THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG"

"That Ragged Old Flag" was recently found in a Police Gazette publication. The author is unknown.

I walked through a county courthouse square,
on a park Bench, an old man was sitting there.

I said, "Your courthouse is kinda run down,"
He said, "No--it will do for our little town."

I said, "Your old flag pole kinda leans a bit,
and that's a ragged old flag you got hanging on it."

He said, "Have a seat," so I sat myself down,
and he asked "is this your first visit to our town?"
I said, "I think it is."

He went on to say, "I don't like to brag,
but we're kinda proud of that *Ragged Old Flag*."

You see, there's a little hole in that flag there,
was gotten when Washington crossed the Delaware.

It got powder burned the night Francis Scott Key
sat watching it, writing 'Oh Say Can You See.'

It got a nasty ol rip in New Orleans,
with Packingham and Jackson tugging at its seams.

It almost fell at the Alamo
Beside the Texas flag, but she waved on though.

It got cut with a sword in Chancellorsville,
Got cut again at Shiloh Hill.

There was Robert E. Lee and Beauregard and Bragg,
And the south wind blew hard on that *Ragged Old Flag*.

On Flanders Field in World War I,
She took a bad hit from a Bertha Gun.

She turned blood red in World War II
She hung limp and low by the time that one was
through.

She was present in Korea and Vietnam,
She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam.

The Native Americans, the Blacks, Yellows and
Whites,
all shed red blood for the Stars and Stripes.

And here at home in her own good land,
She's been abused, burned, dishonored, denied and
refused.

Sadly the very government for which she stands
Has been scandalized throughout all of the land.

She is getting threadbare, and she's wearing thin,
But she's in pretty good shape, for the shape she's
in.

Cause she's been through the fire many times
before,
but she's strong and can take a whole lot more.

So we proudly raise her early each mornin'
And we bring her down slow every night.
We don't let her touch any part of the ground,
And we lovingly fold her up just right.

On second thought,
I do like to brag,
Cause I'm mighty proud
of that *Ragged Old Flag!*"

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SOME SIMPLE TRUTHS

- ◆ Growing old is mandatory--growing up is optional.
- ◆ When you finally get your head together, usually the rest of your body falls apart.
- ◆ Not only does a mind wander, but sometimes it leaves completely.
- ◆ Age doesn't always bring wisdom. There are times when age comes all by itself.
- ◆ Just when you start getting used to yesterday, along comes today.
- ◆ It's frustrating to know all the answers, when nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- ◆ If you can remain calm, you just don't know all of the facts.
- ◆ You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair as you once got from a roller coaster.
- ◆ You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.
- ◆ The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing in the right place, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

SOME LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

THE FARMER'S MULE

A parable is told of a farmer who owned an old mule. The mule unfortunately fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule "braying" or whatever mules do when they fall into wells. After carefully assessing the situation, and realizing the situation was hopeless he knew that the mule was doomed. The farmer called his neighbors together and told them what had happened and enlisted them to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially, the old mule was terrified, but as the farmer and others continued shoveling and the dirt hit his back, a thought struck him. It suddenly dawned on the old mule that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back he could SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP! Blow after blow of shoveled dirt, this is what he did.

"Shake it off and step up - shake it off and step up - shake it off and step up! He kept repeating to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows or discouraging the situation seemed to be, the old mule fought the "panic" and just kept right on SHAKING IT OFF AND STEPPING UP!

It wasn't long before the old mule, battered and exhausted, STEPPED TRIUMPHANTLY OVER THE WALL OF THE WELL. The loads of dirt that should have buried him, actually blessed him--and all because of the manner in which the old mule handled his adversity.

THAT'S LIFE! If we face our problems and respond to them positively, and refuse to give in to panic, bitterness, hopelessness, or self-

pity, THE ADVERSITIES THAT COME ALONG TO BURY US USUALLY HAVE WITHIN THEM THE POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT AND BLESS US.

NEVER GIVE UP

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for someone to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help--but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements and to store his few possessions.

Then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived at the hut only to find his little home in flames with the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened, everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "My god, how could anyone do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next morning, however, he was awakened by the sound of a Coast Guard Search and Rescue vessel that was approaching the island. Sure enough, it had come to rescue him.

"How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," the Chief replied.

REMEMBER, NEXT TIME YOUR "HUT" IS BURNING TO THE GROUND . . . IT JUST MAY BE A SMOKE SIGNAL THAT SUMMONS THE GRACE OF GOD.

Chief Petty Officer Charge

During the course of this day you have been caused to suffer indignities, to experience humiliation. This you have accomplished with rare good grace, and therefore, we now believe it fitting to explain to you why this was done. There was no intent, no desire to insult you, to demean you. Pointless as it may have seemed to you, there was a valid, time-honored reason behind every single deed, behind each pointed barb.

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 of 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 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 this today.

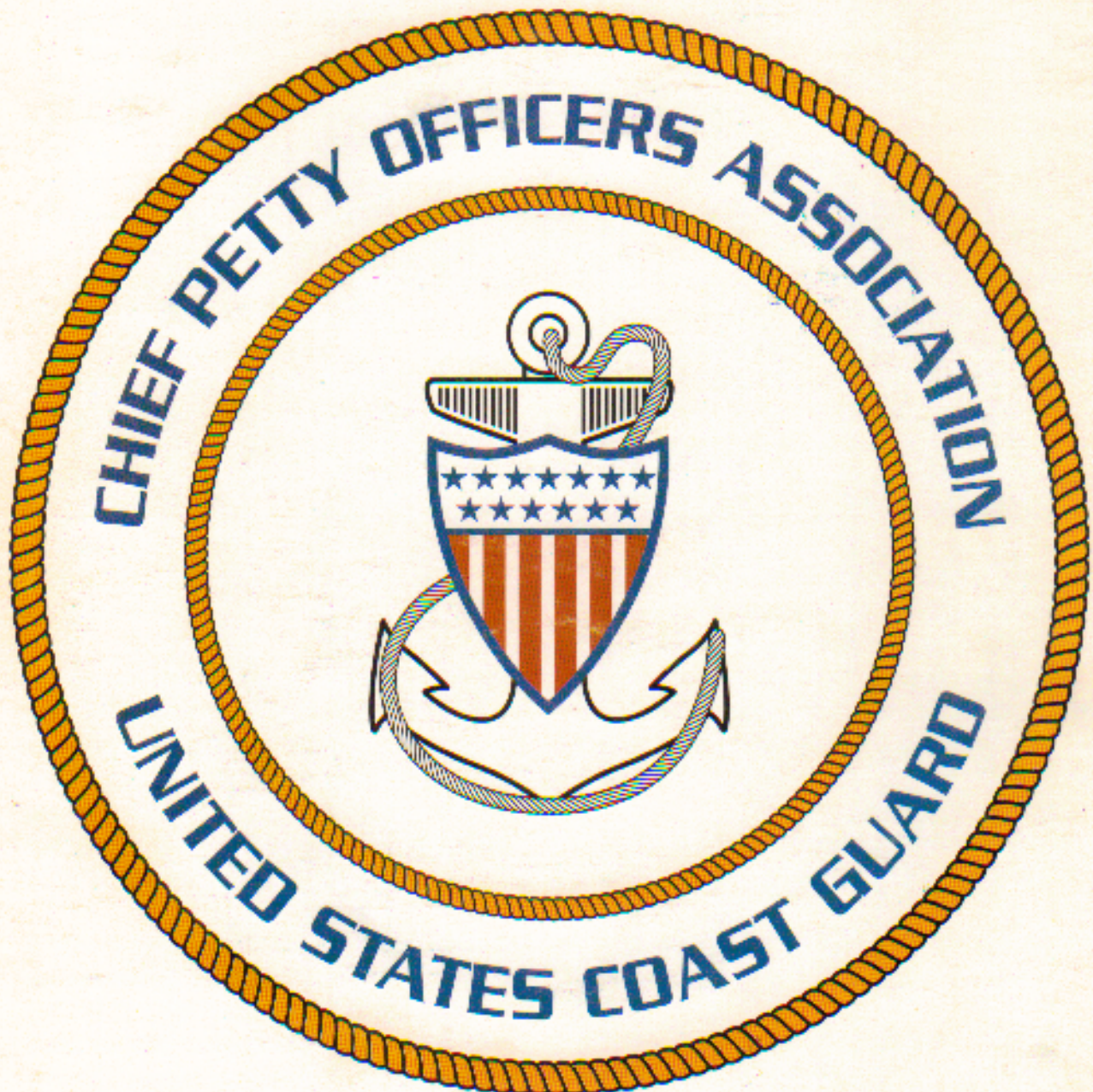
It is our intention that you will never forget this day. It was our intention to test you, to try you, to accept you. Your performance has assured us that you will wear your hat with the pride of those before you.

We take a deep sincere pleasure in clasping your hands and placing you into our midst.

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