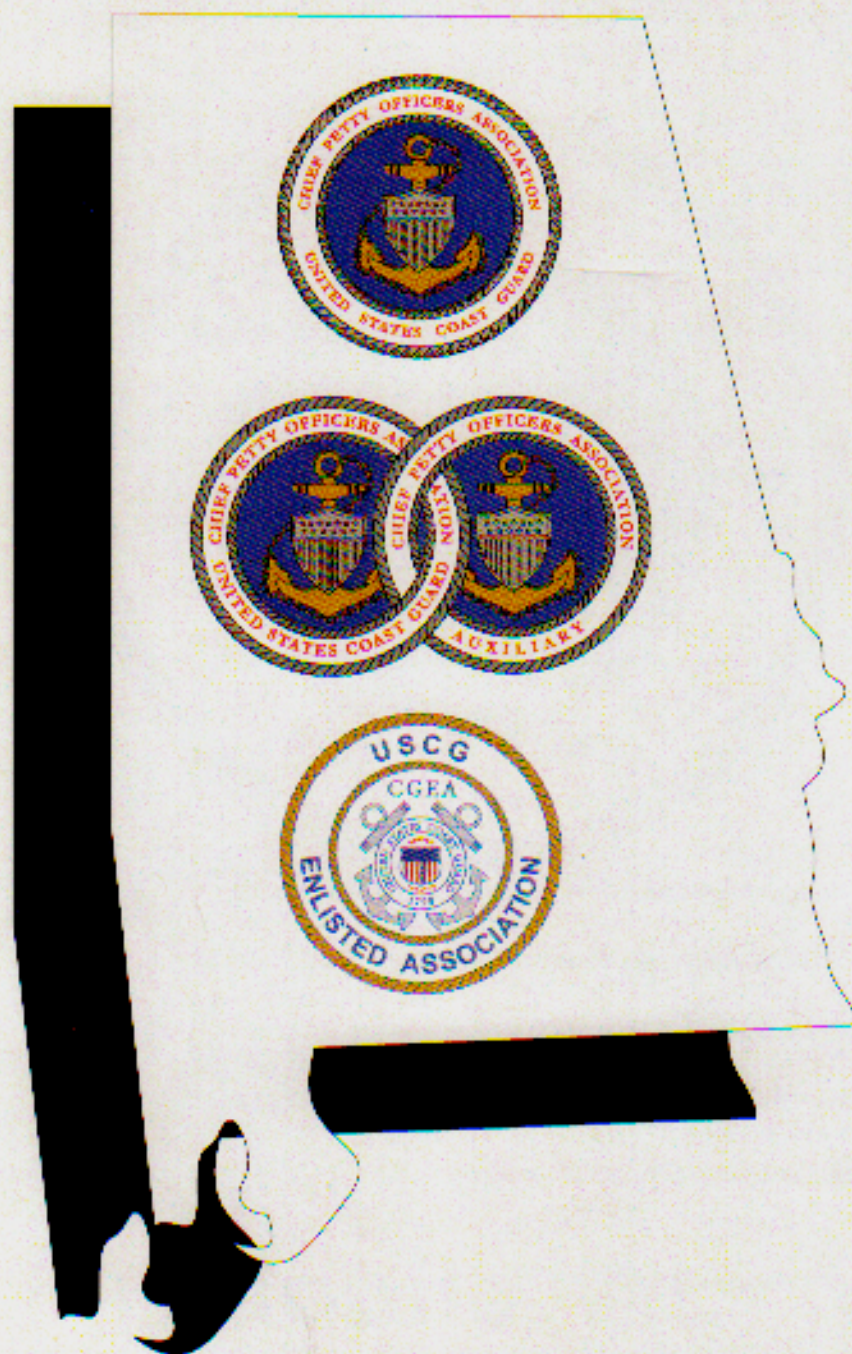


United States Coast Guard
CPOA (35th) / CPOAA (25th) / CGEA (4th)
Annual National Convention



August 2003 – Mobile, AL



Welcome to Mobile, Alabama!

to all CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA members, spouses and guests.

Several things have changed for the better since last year. We have added more social events, including a Sunday evening informal dinner, a Wednesday evening barbeque, along with the Monday luncheon and the latest addition, the Thursday Dinner/Dance. (Formally: Grand Military Ball).

There are lots of good restaurants near the hotel. However, walking is not recommended because of traffic, so you might work with others who have cars or ask the hotel front desk personnel. We want you to have a good time, but we want you to make it all the way through, too.

Plan on having fun and learning some new things. You will be busy for the entire week!

The Mobile Chapter will have members at the Convention much of the time, so ask them for advice on where to go and what to do.

We also ask that you take room questions to the front desk and Convention questions to your Convention staff. Enjoy your stay at the Airport Plaza Hotel and in your travels around Mobile.

Dick Wells
National Convention Chairman

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 seamen 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.

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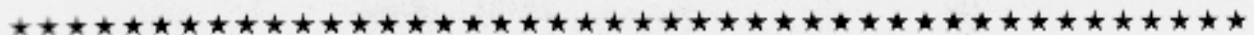
Tom Ridge
 Secretary
 Department of Homeland Security



On January 24, 2003, Tom Ridge became the first Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Secretary Ridge will work with more than 180,000 employees from combined agencies. He was sworn in as the first Director of the Office of Homeland Security in October 2001, following the tragic events of September 11. He was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania, serving from 1995 to 2001.

Born Aug. 26, 1945, in Pittsburgh's Steel Valley, Secretary Ridge was raised in a working class family in veterans' public housing in Erie. He earned a scholarship to Harvard, graduating with honors in 1967. After his first year at The Dickinson School of Law, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as an infantry Staff Sergeant in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star for Valor. After returning to Pennsylvania, he earned his law degree and was in private practice before becoming Assistant District Attorney in Erie County. He was elected to Congress in 1982. He was the first enlisted Vietnam combat veteran elected to the U.S. House, and was overwhelmingly re-elected six times.

Governor Ridge and his wife, Michele, the former executive director of the Erie County Library system, have two children, Lesley and Tommy.



Admiral Thomas H. Collins
 Commandant
 United States Coast Guard



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

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

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

Admiral Collins graduated from the Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT, in 1968 and served as a faculty member within the Humanities Department from 1972 to 1976. He earned a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Wesleyan University in 1972 and a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Haven, CT, in 1976.

The Admiral is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit (three awards), the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), and the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (three awards).

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

Rear Admiral Ken Venuto
Assistant Commandant
United States Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Ken Venuto is both a Surface Operations and Human Resource Specialist. He has served 13 years in operations and 13 years in various human resource assignments. He became the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources in July 2002. In this capacity, he is responsible for the leadership and management oversight of all aspects of the human resource systems and infrastructure supporting Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, Civilian, Retired, and Auxiliary personnel. This includes recruiting, retaining, training, developing, assigning, and providing appropriate pay, benefits and medical care for all elements of the workforce and their families.

As a Flag Officer, he was previously assigned as Director of Operations Policy. As such, he was responsible for a wide range of programs including search and rescue; drug, migrant, fisheries, and marine mammal law enforcement; homeland security; aids to navigation; domestic and international icebreaking; defense operations; recreational boating safety; and bridge administration.

Rear Admiral Venuto has served on board seven different cutters in various capacities including command of three: the MIDGETT home ported in Seattle, Washington; the BEAR home ported in Portsmouth, Virginia; and the CAPE JELLISON home ported in Seward, Alaska. His significant staff assignments include Executive Assistant to the Commandant, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Commandant for Human Resources, and training officer at Training Center Yorktown, Virginia.

Rear Admiral Venuto graduated with high honors from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics. He earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1978, and was a distinguished graduate of the National War College in 1994. He also completed a United States and Russian military executive development program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in 2001. His personal awards include three Legions of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, four Commendation Medals, and an Achievement Medal.



Franklin A. Welch
Ninth Master Chief Petty Officer
of the United States Coast Guard

On October 10, 2002, Master Chief Quartermaster Franklin A. Welch assumed his duties as the Ninth Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard. In his most recent assignment, Master Chief Welch served as Officer in Charge of USCGC SOCKEYE (WPB 87337), home ported in Bodega Bay, California. His first operational tasking aboard SOCKEYE was to command her through an initial homeport transit of 6,000 nautical miles from New Orleans, Louisiana, to her homeport of Bodega Bay. Prior to this assignment, Master Chief Welch served as Officer in Charge, USCGC POINT CHICO (WPB 82339), also home ported in Bodega Bay. Advancing quickly, Master Chief Welch has served in the Coast Guard for 23 years; nine of which were as a Master Chief Petty Officer. He has a diverse background in Coast Guard operations. He has served aboard USCGC SWEETBRIER in Cordova, Alaska, where he devoted his off-duty time striking the Quartermaster rating; Aids to Navigation Team Bristol, Rhode Island, as operations and aids to navigation petty officer; USCGC HARRIET LANE as assistant navigator and deck watch officer; USCGC VIGOROUS as assistant navigator and deck watch officer; Fleet Training Unit, U.S. Atlantic Fleet as an underway navigation and visual communications instructor and training liaison officer; and aboard USCGC GALVESTON ISLAND, home ported in Apra Harbor, Guam, as executive petty officer. Master Chief Welch also served as "Gold Badge" Command Master Chief for the Ninth Coast Guard District, Cleveland, Ohio, where he represented the enlisted men and women of the "Great Lakes," and as Master Chief of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy in Petaluma, California. Master Chief Welch was designated as a Master Training Specialist by Commander, Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet where he also received the Coast Guardsman of the Year Award for 1991. In August 2002, he also received the Northern California Senior Enlisted Person of the Year (Operational) award sponsored by the United States Navy League.

Master Chief Welch has attended many specialized training courses during his career, including the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Academy. He was the President of Class XXVI.

Master Chief Welch has earned the permanent Cutterman, Coxswain, Command Master Chief, Chief Petty Officer Academy, and Officer in Charge Afloat pins. His military awards include three Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with "O" device, the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon with "O" device, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, five Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, four Meritorious Team Commendation ribbons, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Coast Guard Bicentennial Unit Commendation ribbon, seven Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal, three Special Operations Service Ribbons, five Coast Guard Sea Service ribbons, and the Coast Guard Rifle and Pistol Marksmanship ribbons.

Master Chief Welch, 42, a native of Texas, is married to the former Mari Lynn Perry of Newport, Rhode Island. They reside in Arlington, Virginia, with one of their two children, John, age 15.



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

Master Chief Carlos Najera assumed the duties as Command Master Chief for the Eighth Coast Guard District (West), New Orleans, Louisiana in May 2001. He reported from the Coast Guard Integrated Support Command (ISC) in New Orleans in the Force Optimization and Training Branch (FOT) where his primary focus was in the Career Development Advisor Program assisting members of the Coast Guard family (i.e. active duty, reservist, civilians, auxiliary, and dependents). Master Chief Najera has a strong

background in the human resource management arena, the pay and personnel procedures, the advancement system, the travel and transportation systems, benefits, entitlements, and decedents affairs. He is also a strong supporter/participant of the Chief Petty Officers Association, American Legion (Post 185), Non-Commission Officers Association, and the Knights of Columbus (4th Degree). On July 2000, Master Chief Carlos Najera volunteered and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Non-Commission Officers Association where he represents the Coast Guard's Enlisted Voice.

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

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

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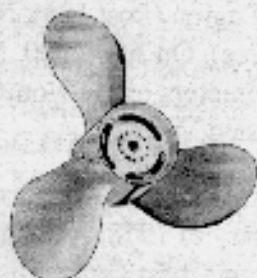
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July 1978	-	August 1980	Jean R. Schott
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August 1987	-	August 1990	Jean R. Schott
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Gold Lifetime Membership (GLM) — Any Regular Member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary and outstanding manner as to promote and advance the welfare of fellow members, fellow member's dependent or for Community/Country may be awarded a Gold Lifetime Membership. A Gold Lifetime membership entitles the member to all rights and privileges as outlined in CPOA By-laws Section VII. Recommendations for GLM are subject to review and approval by the Gold Lifetime Membership Selection Committee.

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ETC FOREST A. "BUD" FORD ☆	AUGUST 1987
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PSC PATTY BUTLER	AUGUST 2002
BMCM WALT GORR	AUGUST 2002

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HISTORY OF THE CPOA'S NATIONAL MEETINGS / CONVENTIONS

NR.	LOCATION	HOST CHAPTER	DATE
1.	WASHINGTON, DC	WASHINGTON, DC	OCTOBER 1969
2.	GOVERNORS ISLAND, NY	NEW YORK	9/28 - 10/02/70
3.	ALAMEDA, CA	SAN FRANCISCO	9/27 - 10/01/71
4.	NEW ORLEANS, LA	NEW ORLEANS	10/04 - 10/06/72
5.	PORTSMOUTH, VA	PORTSMOUTH	10/05 - 10/07/73
6.	ST. LOUIS, MO	ST. LOUIS	10/07 - 10/12/74
7.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/04 - 8/09/75
8.	SANTA ROSA, CA	PETALUMA	8/01 - 8/07/76
9.	BALTIMORE, MD	BALTIMORE	8/07 - 8/13/77
10.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	OKLAHOMA CITY	8/13 - 8/18/78
11.	MOBILE, AL	MOBILE	8/12 - 8/17/79
12.	ST. PETERSBURG, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/18 - 8/23/80
13.	GREEN BAY, WI	GREEN BAY	8/10 - 8/14/81
14.	NORFOLK, VA	PORTSMOUTH/ELIZABETH CITY	8/23 - 8/27/82
15.	NASHVILLE, TN	CUMBERLAND	8/11 - 8/14/83
16.	SANTA ROSA, CA	PETALUMA	8/13 - 8/17/84
17.	SAN ANTONIO, TX	HOUSTON	8/12 - 8/16/85
18.	KEY WEST, FL	SOUTHERN MOST	8/11 - 8/15/86
19.	CLEVELAND, OH	CLEVELAND	8/11 - 8/15/87
20.	ST. LOUIS, MO	ST. LOUIS	8/15 - 8/19/88
21.	ORLANDO, FL	ST. PETERSBURG	8/21 - 8/25/89
22.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	CORPUS CHRISTI	8/13 - 8/17/90
23.	WILLIAMSBURG, VA	YORKTOWN	8/16 - 8/20/91
24.	LAS VEGAS, NV	SAN DIEGO/LAS VEGAS MAVERICKS	8/17 - 8/21/92
25.	WASHINGTON, DC	WASHINGTON, DC	8/17 - 8/20/93
26.	SEATTLE, WA	SEATTLE	8/22 - 8/26/94
27.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	CORPUS CHRISTI	8/20 - 8/25/95
28.	LAS VEGAS, NV	LAS VEGAS MAVERICKS	8/19 - 8/23/96
29.	CLEVELAND, OH	NORTH COAST	8/24 - 8/29/97
30.	MOBILE, AL	MOBILE	8/31 - 9/04/98
31.	LAS VEGAS, NV	LAS VEGAS MAVERICKS	8/15 - 8/20/99
32.	MOBILE, AL	MOBILE	8/28 - 9/01/00
33.	TULSA, OK	NATIONAL	8/20 - 8/24/01
34.	MEMPHIS, TN	NATIONAL	8/26 - 8/30/02
35.	MOBILE, AL	NATIONAL	8/25 - 8/29/03

History of the Coast Guard

Chief Petty Officer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The trade mark of the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer, "The Anchor," was inherited from the Revenue Cutter Service. The fouled anchor with a

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

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

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

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

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

A white combination hat, known as "The Hat," with an anchor above the brim became the rite of passage for all First Class Petty Officers promoted to Chief. When they left behind their "Cracker Jacks" and "Dixie Cups" and donned a new uniform, "The Hat" became the trademark of the Coast Guard Chief. Today, the combination hat represents leadership and authority, and is the only cover allowed to be worn by students attending the Chief Petty Officers Academy. At one point, Khakis became a trademark of the Chief, but they were eventually replaced by 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 over 80 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.

Chief Petty Officers Association Formation and Reformation

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

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

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

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



Preamble of the Chief Petty Officers Association Auxiliary

Remembering God:

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

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

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

Remember also those who served and returned to You.

History of the CPOAA

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

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

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

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

On 15 August 1991, the Auxiliary established a National Education Award to benefit its members and the spouses of the Chief Petty Officers Association. The funds for this award are raised by the National Sweepstakes run by the Auxiliary each year. The Auxiliary currently has about 250 members and 8 active Units. From its humble beginning in 1974, the Auxiliary has continued to grow with the goal to carry on the drive and vision of the first members and to improve and insure the future of the Auxiliary. We look forward to the future and continued success of the Auxiliary.

2002-2004 National CPOAA Officers



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Hello, My name is Kathie Morin. I am married to MKCS Keith A. Morin who is stationed on the USCGC STORIS out of Kodiak Alaska, where we have lived for the last 6 years with our three children Rachel 11, Shirlee 9, and Joshua 5.

I got involved with CPOAA 6 years ago when I moved to Kodiak. After the first few meetings there was no turning back. I have served on the CPOAA board in the Kodiak unit as Vice President, and President. I have been part of the National CPOAA board as Secretary and now as President. The Coast Guard became part of my family 15 years ago when I met my husband in Seward, Alaska. That's when we started an adventure of a lifetime. We will be remaining here in Kodiak until at least our youngest graduates from high school.

I enjoy being part of the CPOAA, along with being a mother and a wife. My life has been very full over the last 15 years and I am sure that there are many more memories to come.



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Currently Laurie is a member of the Green Bay Unit.

National CPOA Auxiliary Treasurer was the office she previously held. Laurie especially enjoys raising funds for the National CPOAA Sweepstakes. As part of the team that supports all Units, her commitment to the entire association is a dedicated one. Volunteering for a number of organizations is important to her. Laurie enjoys the events and has found it brings together exceptional people, unique memories and rewards to many.

Laurie has a B.A. Degree with a concentration in Business Management and is employed by Prime Mortgage Corp. in Minneapolis, MN. She also has been attending school part time, with completion in December. Last year she started her own business as a Certified Massage Therapist. A growing client base and expanding her skills keeps Laurie busy in a career she truly enjoys. Other interests include bicycling to raise money for the MS Society, riding her motorcycle, enjoying the company of friends and making time to relax.

Laurie joined the CPOAA, Cape May Unit in 1992. She has held the office of President (two terms) and Secretary, as well as serving on several committees and working at events as an active member. Corpus Christi was host to her first convention in 1995 where she served as a delegate and committee chair.

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

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



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CG HISTORICAL THINGS

"SEMPER PARATUS"

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

Month by Month

January

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

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

20-1914 - International Ice Patrol Convention signed.

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

February

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

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

March

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

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

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

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

April

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

07-1969 - USCG CPOA formed.

12-1979 - First female Commanding Officer of ANY military vessel ever: LTJg Beverly G. Kelley (now CAPT Kelley), USCGC CAPE NEWAGEN on Maui, HI. [Your Webmanager, QMCM Joe D'Elia, was the XPO].

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

May

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

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

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

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

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

June

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

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

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

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

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

23-1939 - Congress created the Coast Guard Reserve.

July

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

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

August

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

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

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

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

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

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

September

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

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

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

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

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

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

October

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

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

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

November

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

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

December

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

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

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

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

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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to change)

Sunday, 24 August

- 1200 - 1800 Check-in and Late Registration (Convention Office)
1800 President's Reception in the Hospitality Room

Monday, 25 August

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

Tuesday, 26 August

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

Wednesday, 27 August

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

Thursday, 28 August

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

Dinner/ Dance

- 1800 - 1900 Cocktails (No host)
1900 Dinner
2030 Raffle Drawings
2100 - 0100 Dancing to live band

Friday, 29 August

- 0800 - 1030 General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA followed by Closing Ceremonies

OPENING CEREMONY

Seating of Honored Guests and Visitors

Annual National Convention Convenes

Presentation of Colors Mobile Coast Guard

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Recitation of CPOA Preamble CPOA President, BMCS Timothy A. Trimble

Recitation of CPOAA Preamble CPOAA President, Kathie Morin

Crossed the Bar Memorial Service

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

Introduction of Past National Presidents

Introduction of Gold Lifetime Members

Outstanding Chapter Awards CPOA President, BMCS Timothy A. Trimble

Outstanding Unit Awards CPOAA President, Kathie Morin

Awards / Special Presentations

Keynote Speaker RADM Ken Venuto

End of ceremony

Fact or Fiction

Myths are important symbols of cultural unity, and perhaps no myths are more important in the modern era than the military myths that establish our national heritage and remind us of the values our nation stands for.

✓ = True statements or legends based on real occurrences.

○ = False statements.

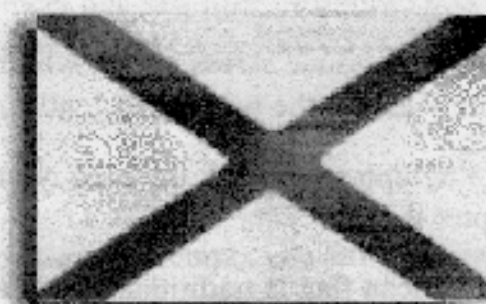
- The number of hooves lifted into the air on equestrian **statues** reveals how the riders died.
- Fighting on opposite sides, father and son meet one last time on a Civil War battlefield. Found in the dying boy's pocket is the melody now known as *Taps*.
- **Saltpeter** is secreted in the food or drink of enlisted men.
- Aircraft carrier orders **lighthouse** to change course.
- Being an **only child** (or an only son) automatically exempts you from military service.
- ✓ The German destroyer FGS *Lutjens* saluted the American destroyer **USS Winston Churchill** with a "manning the rails" ceremony and the display of a banner reading "We Stand By You."
- During wartime, the seal of the President of the United States is modified so that the **eagle's head** faces the opposite direction.
- "God Bless the USA" singer-composer **Lee Greenwood** dodged the draft in the 1960s by fleeing to Canada.
- After the Germans construct a phony wooden airfield during World War II, the British sent a plane to drop a **wooden bomb** on it.
- ✓ During a 1972 trip to North Vietnam, **Jane Fonda** propagandized on behalf of the North Vietnamese government, declared that American POWs were being treated humanely and condemned U.S. soldiers as "war criminals" and later denounced them as liars for claiming they had been tortured.
- Influential friends ensured that a "special dispensation" cut the length of **Al Gore's** tour of duty in Vietnam from one year to five months.
- Marines surreptitiously failed to observe the proper **protocol** in saluting President Clinton all throughout his eight years in office.

- Actress **Cindy Williams** of *Laverne & Shirley* fame wrote a newspaper article denouncing a proposed pay raise for the military.
- New York Senator Hillary Clinton was the only politician in DC who refused to meet with a delegation of **Gold Star** mothers.
- Lee Marvin, actor, and **Bob Keeshan**, television's "Captain Kangaroo," fought together at the battle for Iwo Jima.
- ✓ Article contrasts compensation to families of September 11 victims with benefits paid to families of **servicemen** killed on active duty.
- M-16 rifles used by American soldiers in Vietnam were manufactured by the **Mattel** toy company.
- Recruits are issued **stress cards**, which when waved at demanding drill sergeants immediately entitle the recruits to gentler treatment.
- A photograph of a **shark** jumping out of the water to attack a diver dangling from a helicopter is real.
- An American flag is traditionally **folded** thirteen times because each of the folds has a special meaning.
- The **gold ball** atop a military flagpole contains a razor, a match, and a bullet.
- Serviceman in uniform is **refused service** at popular bar or restaurant because the establishment's owners don't support the war in Iraq.

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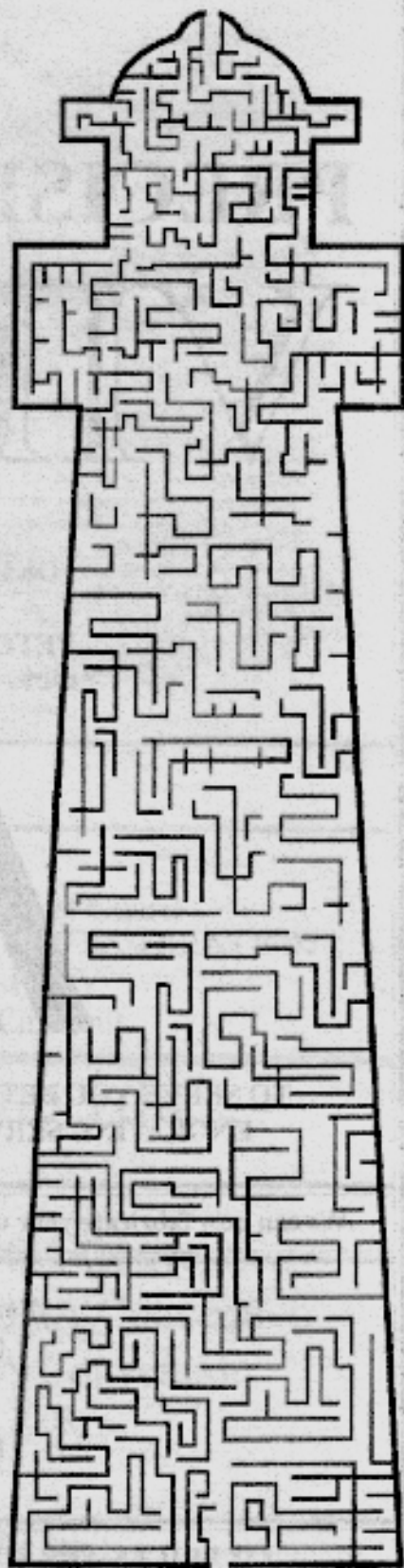
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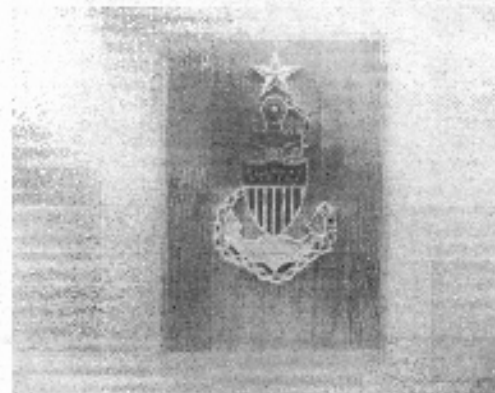
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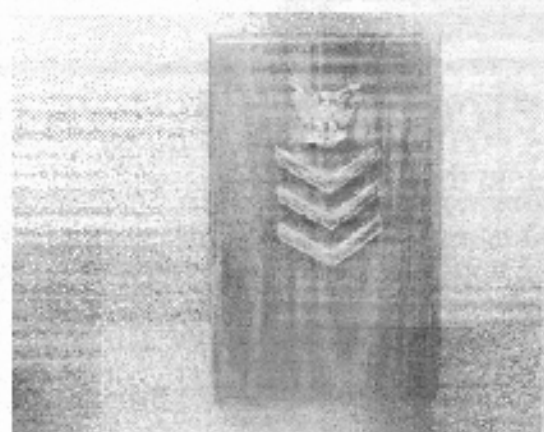
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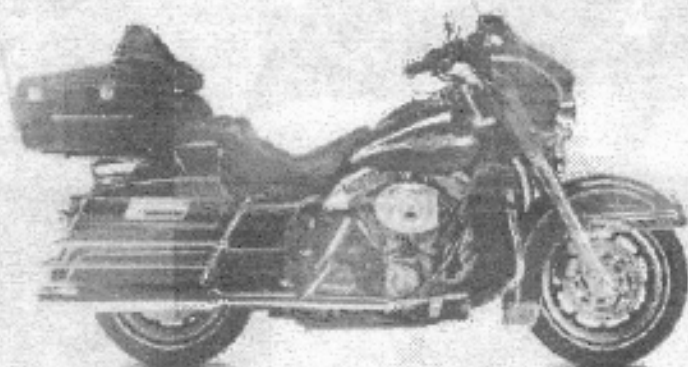
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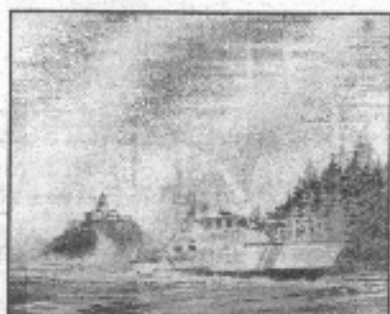
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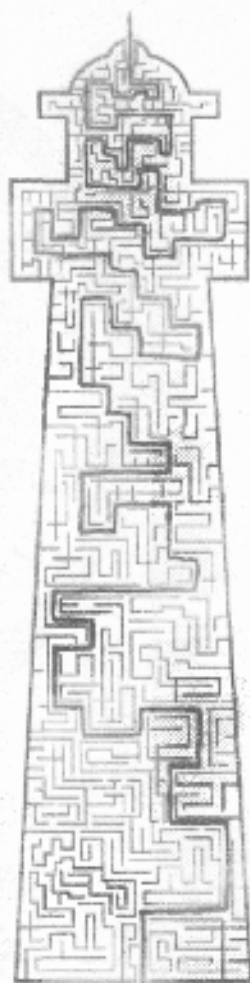
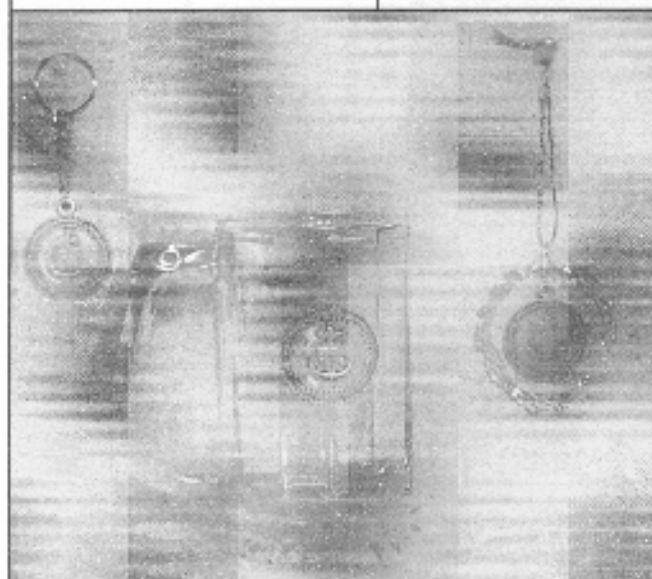
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During the course of this day you have been caused to suffer indignities, to experience humiliation. This you have accomplished with rare good grace, and therefore, we now believe it fitting to explain to you why this was done. There was no intent, 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 or file. They exist because for over 200 years, Chiefs before you have freely accepted responsibility beyond the call of printed assignment. Their actions and their performance demanded the respect of their seniors as well as their juniors. It is now required that you be the fount of wisdom, the ambassador of good will, the authority in personnel relations, as well as technical applications. "Ask the Chief" is a household word in and out of the Coast Guard. You are now the "Chief."

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

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

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

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