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Annual National Convention  
August 2004





**Welcome to Las Vegas!**

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

**Welcome to the 36th Annual CPOA Convention. For the week of the Convention you will experience some wins and some losses. (And, that is on the Convention floor!)**

**One guarantee follows, though. You will have a good time in the gaming capital of the world. The Imperial Palace is located in the center of "The Strip", and easily accessible from everywhere.**

**This will be my last year in the Convention business and I will turn over the reins to Joe D'Elia on Friday, the last day of the Convention. I have enjoyed the past four years as Chairman, and will continue to serve the CPOA in another capacity as a member.**

**I hope you enjoy this Convention and many more beyond. I have had 30 consecutive Conventions and thoroughly enjoyed them! I hope you do, too!**

**Best wishes for a great Convention!**

**Dick Wells  
National Convention Chairman**

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## **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.

# Welcome



*August 23-27, 2004*



**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.

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**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 VIGILANT. 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.



**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.

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## *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 Gyp - 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



### *President*

#### ***Kathie Morin***

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

National CPOA Auxiliary offices include Treasurer and Vice President. As part of the team that supports all Units, her commitment to the entire auxiliary is a dedicated one. From assisting new Units to new ways of fundraising, she enjoys it all.

Laurie has a B.A. Degree with a concentration in Business Management and is employed by Prime Mortgage Corp. in Minneapolis, MN. She also is a Certified Massage Therapist and owns her own business. Other interests include bicycling to raise money for the MS Society, riding her motorcycle, enjoying the company of good friends and MAKING TIME TO RELAX.

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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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Rita was born in Richmond, Indiana but was raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. Married John (BMC John Bunting, Ret.) in 1976. She joined the CPOAA in 1981 in Cape May, New Jersey. Rita was very active in the Cape May Unit and held all the offices. Her first convention was in 1983 and she has only missed two since then. In August of 1986, Rita became the CPOA Auxiliary National Treasurer, and served until August 1990. In August of 1991 she was appointed National Vice-President. In August of 1992 Rita was elected Treasurer and held that position until August 1994. In August 1994 she was elected Vice-President and continues to hold that office. Rita has also served as Membership Chairperson since 1995. The Auxiliary is very fortunate to have her in this role as well as her knowledge and experience with the by-laws.

Rita has one son who is a Chief in the Coast Guard and is stationed at Barbaras Point. Also in the family is her Grandson who is in the Jr. ROTC. Rita's hobbies are fishing and sewing.

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Since Jo D'Elia was born into the Coast Guard, life has evolved for her quite differently than some of the other CPOAA members. For instance, both of her parents and her brother were Coasties and both parents were even CPOA members.

Jo was born in Virginia at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. After Virginia, the family had tours in Long Beach, Maui and The Big Island, Hawaii, Cleveland and Seattle. While in Seattle, at the age of 19, she was in charge of Accounts Payable and Payroll for the entire Northwest District. This was followed by positions in the Environmental Protection Agency (Superfund Division), and as a civilian at the Coast Guard District Office in Seattle. During this time, Jo graduated from Central Washington University with a Bachelor's Degree in history.

In 1994, Jo decided to join her father in Las Vegas, NV. For the last four years, she has been working as both an Office Manager for Ron Goodwin Lawn Care and as Assistant Bookkeeper for Phil's Bookkeeping and Tax Service. Two years ago, she helped establish the first CPOAA Unit in Las Vegas. She is currently wrapping up her term as the first elected President of the Lobos. In 2003, she began her first year as Treasurer of the National Convention Committee.

For fun, Jo loves going to the local Las Vegas Wranglers hockey games, as well as doing renovations on her home.

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### ***Preamble of the Coast Guard Enlisted Association***

Always Remember:

- As enlisted members, we must uphold the highest standards and respect the traditions of the United States Coast Guard,
- Our past mentors, leaders and the foundation they left for us to follow,
- To hold ourselves and others accountable to the duties and responsibilities of our country, service, and communities,
- To give encouragement to the future members & leaders of the Coast Guard,
- To personally support and stand-by our fellow enlisted members, and their families in their endeavors of joy and hardships,
- To be forever appreciative for the support and guidance of the USCG Chief Petty Officers Association.

## GOLD LIFETIME MEMBERS

Gold Lifetime Membership (GLM) — Any Regular Member who has rendered distinguished and tangible service in an exemplary and outstanding manner as to promote and advance the welfare of fellow members, 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.

RMC STEPHEN PARKANS ★	OCTOBER 1972
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ETC PAUL GOEKE	AUGUST 1977
YNCM ROBERT E. GALLAGHER	AUGUST 1980
BMCM JAMES B. KANE ★	AUGUST 1984
QMCM ROBERT M. SHANNON ★	AUGUST 1984
BMCM WILLIAM J. SCHOTT	AUGUST 1985
RMCM GLENN H. LAMBERT	AUGUST 1986
ETC FOREST A. "BUD" FORD ★	AUGUST 1987
AMC JOHN LEE CHASSEREAU	AUGUST 1994
QMC FRANK ALBRIGHT	AUGUST 1994
ATC RICHARD "DICK" WELLS	AUGUST 1995
Chief Administrator Emeritus DICK CASTOR	AUGUST 1995
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BMC LOUIS C. LICEA	AUGUST 1997
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ENC WILLARD D. O'FARRELL	AUGUST 2000
RMC GEORGE OVERMYER ★	AUGUST 2001
ATCM DAVID DISBENNETT	AUGUST 2001
PSC PATTY BUTLER	AUGUST 2002
BMCM WALT GORR	AUGUST 2002

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April 1972	-	June 1973	ETCM L. Martinez
June 1973	-	June 1975	YNCM F. E. Smith
June 1975	-	April 1976	YNC D. D. Orolfo
April 1976	-	June 1976	YNC H. W. Walker
June 1976	-	June 1978	RMCM G. H. Lambert
June 1978	-	August 1979	BMCM W. J. Schott
August 1979	-	August 1981	BMCM J. Deluca
August 1981	-	August 1983	QMC R. Longo
August 1983	-	August 1985	BMCM D. Miller
August 1985	-	August 1988	ATC R. W. Wells
August 1988	-	August 1990	QMC F. Albright
August 1990	-	August 1992	MKCM D. E. Robertson
August 1992	-	August 1994	EMCM L. E. Maher
August 1994	-	August 1996	YNC J. A. Shipp
August 1996	-	September 1998	BMCS R. F. Sennholtz, Jr.
September 1998	-	September 2000	MKCM D. E. Robertson
September 2000	-	Present	BMCS T. A. Trimble

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July 1978	-	August 1980	Jean R. Schott
August 1980	-	August 1982	Nancy Ford
August 1982	-	August 1983	Barbara Jones
August 1983	-	August 1985	Ruth E. Buckley
August 1985	-	August 1986	Ivy Miller
August 1986	-	August 1987	Adrienne Royes
August 1987	-	August 1990	Jean R. Schott
August 1990	-	August 1992	Emma Longo
August 1992	-	August 1994	Ruth E. Buckley
August 1994	-	August 1996	Jean R. Schott
August 1996	-	August 1998	Kolleen Youker
August 1998	-	August 2002	Kathy Phelps
August 2002	-	Present	Kathie Morin

**HISTORY OF THE CPOA'S NATIONAL  
MEETINGS / CONVENTIONS**

<u>Nr.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>HOST CHAPTER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1.	WASHINGTON, DC	WASHINGTON, DC	OCTOBER 1969
2.	GOVERNORS ISLAND, NY	NEW YORK	9/28 10/02/70
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
36.	LAS VEGAS, NV	NATIONAL	8/23 8/27/04
37.	ST. LOUIS, MO	NATIONAL	8/22 - 8/26/05

## A HISTORY OF THE USCG CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The earliest written history of a Chief Petty Officers Association dates back to 18 January 1933. At the New London Training Station, Captain William T. Stromberg presented the outline for the prospective organization. BMC Joseph T. Collins was appointed temporary Chairman and YNC Barton J. Farmer became temporary Secretary. Two days later a group of 15 Chief Petty Officers, five from each of the operating units at New London, convened to draft a Constitution and By-laws. At the same meeting, a nominating committee was appointed to select a permanent Board of Officers. At a full membership meeting on 30 January 1933, the Constitution and By-laws were adopted.

The purpose of that Association, then as now, was the professional and material betterment of Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers and their dependents, as well as other enlisted personnel, consistent with the good of the service.

The first slate of officers included: President BMC Joseph T. Collins, Vice-President YNC Virgil A. Barron, and Secretary/Treasurer YNC Barton J. Farmer. There does not appear to be any further history of this early Association. It seems to have remained inactive through the years that followed, although many local clubs and associations formed and reformed from time to time at various Coast Guard locations.

On 4 March 1933, the Washington Chiefs submitted its proposed constitution to Coast Guard Headquarters for approval and endorsement. That did not happen, as Headquarters took a neutral stance. They met in Baltimore in December 1933, however, and considered March 25, 1933 as the start, and the Coast Guard Depot in Curtis Bay was claimed as being the location of the first CPOA in the Coast Guard. The first officers of this association were President Donald H. Stilwell, Vice-President Charles F. Stromberg, Secretary Harold R. Jones, and Treasurer Wyman J. Burdette. A California unit was created at about the same time with CBM Martin Larrison President, and consisting of 39 members.

It appears that one of the first Associations to continue to this date, originated in San Francisco in 1964. The Twelfth Coast Guard District and Coast Guard Base Alameda saw the need for, and proceeded to establish, two separate but affiliated associations. It was the consolidation of these two groups on 13 September 1965 that first began the move leading to the new generation of interest. The first officers of this group were President YNC Donald T. Bowlby (Pro Tem), Vice-President QMCS Ray Meighan (Pro Tem) and Secretary YNCS Charles J. Mahaffey. The first elected officers (1966) were President Robert Gallagher, Vice-President QMC Oran C. Cogdill, Secretary HMC Warren Toussaint, and Treasurer RMCS Larry A. Polito.

At about this same time, Associations were starting at most of the District Offices and larger Coast Guard facilities. As could be expected, there has been and probably always will be, some disagreement as to who and where was "first." One thing that can be agreed upon is that the first National Association was established in 1969, in Washington DC. Legal assistance

and guidance was provided by Captain Anthony J. Caliendo, Headquarters Legal Assistance Officer.

The major effort in establishment of a National Association began in 1969. In a memorandum dated 28 March 1969, addressed to Commandant, BMCM James B. Kane requested approval for formation of the National Chief Petty Officers Association. On 7 April 1969, Commandant Willard J. Smith officially approved that request. At the request of Captain Caliendo, the Headquarters Trust Fund granted \$1,000 to the National Council to underwrite the cost of printing Certificates of Affiliation, membership cards, and other administrative expenses.

Under the direction of such men as BMCM James B. Kane, QMCM Robert M. Shannon, YNC Earl C. Mason, and SKC James R. Bivens, a National Council of the Chief Petty Officers Association, U. S. Coast Guard, was formed. That action was soon ratified by the District's Associations, notably the First, Third, Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Coast Guard Districts, and the group at Headquarters.

Many Chiefs throughout the Coast Guard distinguished themselves by their enthusiasm and labors to make the Association a success. Notable among them were ETCS Fortinberry, YNC Rumford, HMCM Small, and YNC C. L. Bartley. Upon formation there was a total of nine Associations and less than 500 members. Within six months it had grown to fourteen Associations and over 1,000 members.

The **First** Annual Conference of the CPOA was held in Washington DC during the period 29 September through 3 October 1969. Fifteen Associations were represented, with a total of 16 members present. The Secretary of the National Council was not present, and there were no volunteers to act as Secretary for the Conference, therefore, there were no written minutes.

During that conference, the first Constitution and By-laws were adopted and became effective on 3 October 1969. Some interesting aspects of that first Constitution and By-laws were:

(1) The National Council, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, were elected by the Board of Directors (President of each local Association). (2) They were required to be on active duty and members of the Washington DC Association. (3) Two of them had to be stationed at and working at USCG Headquarters. (4) Membership was open only to Chief Petty Officers who were members of one of a local Association. The only other class of membership was "Honorary" voted on by the BOD. (5) National dues were established at \$2.00 per year, payable by 1 March annually. (6) Local dues were charged as determined by the local Association.

Upon the retirement of President BMCM James B. Kane, and in keeping with the new C&BL, he was required to submit his resignation and turn the Presidency over to the Vice-President BMCM Robert M. Shannon. President Shannon held the office until 1 July, when he was relieved by the second elected President, YNCS Earl C. Mason.

The **Second** Annual National Conference was held at USCG Base, Governors Island, New York from 28 September 1970 through 2 October 1970. This time there was a total of

19 Associations represented, and 40 members were present.

On the 4th day of the Conference, the legal advisor Captain Anthony J. Caliendo became ill and had to be removed by stretcher to the infirmary at Governors Island. He was seen by a doctor and subsequently transferred to the USPHS Hospital, Staten Island, New York. Captain Caliendo never recovered and died of cerebral hemorrhage on 6 October 1970.

It was at this Conference that the BOD approved the use of the designation "Chapters" for all the Chartered local associations. It also approved the institution of a College Assistance Fund for dependent children of CPOA members. That fund was later appropriately titled "Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund" (CCCAF) in honor of the past legal advisor. The CCCAF remains today as one of the premier functions of the CPOA, granting a total of \$4,000 each year to winners of the contest.

The **Third** Annual National Conference was held at USCG Training and Supply Center, Government Island, Alameda, California. The conference was called to order by President Earl Mason on 27 September 1971, and adjourned on 1 October 1971. Nineteen Chapters were represented and a total of 42 members were present.

The **Fourth** Annual National Conference was held in New Orleans LA, during the period 4-6 October 1972. It was presided over by President ETCM Lionel Martinez. Twenty-five of the twenty-nine Chartered Chapters were represented. One of the major decisions of this Conference was approval for the hiring of a National Executive Secretary and opening of a National Office (both contingent on availability of funds). National dues were increased to \$4.00 per year.

In June 1973 the first Chief Petty Officers Association Newsletter was published by the National Council. Distribution was several copies to each Chapter. The editor of this first Newsletter was QMC Othnill N. Cook. The second edition was published in December 1973 and was called the CPOA Magazine. Three more editions of the CPOA Magazine were published before the name was changed to THE CHIEF, greatly expanded coverage, 32 page hard cover, with copies sent to all current members. (That change occurred in March 1975.)

The **Fifth** Annual National was held during the period 5 through 7 October 1973 in Portsmouth, Virginia. President YNCM Frank Smith presided. Total CPOA membership was in the vicinity of 1,400, and appeared to not be moving. Due to lack of funds, it had not been possible to obtain a National Office or hire a National Executive Secretary. Following much debate and apprehension over whether a dues increase would be a positive factor or not, an increase to \$18.00 per year was approved.

As a result it was possible to sign a lease on 30 January 1974, for a National Office in Washington DC. This office was located at Suite 813, 1001 3rd St. SW, Washington, DC. A National Executive Secretary (NES) was hired in June, a former USCG YNC, who retired from the Coast Guard as a LT. Harry W. (Ray) Newman was very dedicated to the CPOA and did his best to ensure progress in all areas. Some of his goals were to aggressively work to increase

membership and communications between the National Association, Chapters, and members. By the time the Sixth National Convention was convened, it was reported by the National Secretary YNC H. W. Walker that membership had grown to 2,200.

The **Sixth** Annual Convention (7-12 October 1974, St. Louis, Missouri) was notable in several respects. The new NES reported on the National Office, legislative efforts including membership in the Council of Military Organizations (COMO), and increased efforts in membership recruiting. This Convention established authority for the starting of a Chief Petty Officers Association Auxiliary (CPOAA), with membership to include spouses and dependents of CPOA members. They also established that a member would not be required to belong to a particular Chapter, but could remain a member and be a "Member at Large" (MAL). It was also decided that dues would be on an annual basis (12 months from joining) rather than all expiring on 31 December and attempting to prorate for the year.

The **Seventh** Annual National Convention (4-9 August 1975, St. Petersburg, Florida), presided over by the newly elected President YNC David C. Orolfo. This was the only time the Board of Directors authorized expenditures based on speculative income. The report of the Convention contained in the October edition of THE CHIEF states: "It was very apparent that the delegates and members are quite impressed with the publication, THE CHIEF. The magazine has received widespread recognition and bids fair to earn its way through the advertising it will carry. It is believed that it will be paying for itself within two months and will be carrying the major portion of CPOA expenses by December or January. .

THE CHIEF was published in June, July, August, October, November, and December 1975. In 1976 there was a January, February, and March editions before it became obvious that expenses and contractual obligations were fast approaching a critical state. At that point, emergency steps were taken to reduce expenses, and borrow money in order to keep the Association afloat pending the next National Convention. An April-May, June/July, and October/November 1976 editions saw the end of this particular type magazine.

In April 1976, the CPOA National Office moved from Washington, DC, to a larger office at the corner of Columbia Pike and South Walter Reed Drive, in Arlington, Virginia.

In April, President Orolfo was advanced to Chief Warrant Officer and required to resign. Vice-President YNC H. W. Walker then assumed the Presidency during May and June. In July the elected President RMCM Glenn H. Lambert assumed office. This was the first time in the history of the Association that National Officers were elected from outside the Washington, DC, area, and also for the first time included a retiree. President Lambert from Governors Island, NY. Vice-President BMCM William J. Schott, Ret., from St. Louis, Secretary ETC Jesse Brandon from Washington, DC, and Treasurer ETC F. A. "Bud" Ford from Governors Island.

The **Eighth** Annual National Convention (1-7 August 1976, Santa Rosa, California), was hosted by the Petaluma Chapter. Twenty five of the thirty Chartered Chapters were represented. The major issues consisted of recommendations and changes to the Constitution and By-laws, and addressing the severe financial crises of the National Association. The National Executive Secretary, Mr. H. W. "Ray" Newman, was allowed to fulfill his contract through 31 December 1976 only. Mr. Newman was recognized for his outstanding performance of duty beyond that normally expected of a salaried employee and he was made an Honorary Lifetime Member of the CPOA.

Following Convention, the National Council proceeded to advertise for and evaluate candidates for the position of National Executive Secretary. Several candidates were interviewed, and it was determined by the Search Committee that YNCM Clarence R. (Dick) Castor, USN, Retired, was best suited for the job. He was subsequently hired and assumed the office on 1 March 1977. At that time, THE CHIEF was changed to a quarterly magazine and has continued on that basis since that time.

The Association then went into a very conservative period. Every expenditure was watched and considered to be absolutely required before checks were written. The NES (Dick Castor) devoted a great deal of time to updating the membership roles. It had been thought that membership stood at over 3,600, as that number was indicated on the computer printout. Checking each individual, it was finally determined that only 2,232 members had actually paid their dues.

The **Ninth** Annual National Convention (Baltimore, MD, 7-13 August 1977) saw the Association back on firm ground from the financial crises of the previous year. It was still uphill, as loans had to be repaid. By the end of 1977, total membership stood at 3,192.

Early in 1978, the NES undertook a large concerted effort to increase membership. The result of a direct mail campaign to eligible non-CPOA members, resulted in a membership increase to 3,994 by the end of the year.

The Association then continued on a path of continuous progress, not only financially but also in number of members and Chapters. Loans were repaid, savings established, and a Building Fund started.

In 1982, at the **Twelfth** Annual Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a complete in-house computer system for the National Office. Twice upgraded since that time, the system has proven to be invaluable. All member records, both past and present, are contained in the computer. Updated addresses, new members, dues payments, etc., are kept current daily. The Association accounting is accomplished there, as well as word processing.

In 1984, the Association took another great step forward. The Building Fund had grown to a point making it feasible to purchase a National Office in Springfield, Virginia. A Grand Opening of this new office was held on 13 April 1984, and was attended by members from as far away as New York, Florida, and most points in between. Through the sale of "bricks" and

generous donations by members and friends of the Association, the final payment (\$20,000) was made on 1 October 1985, and the traditional "burning of the mortgage" occurred at the **Seventeenth** Annual National Convention in San Antonio, Texas.

Coming from 1977, with debts of over \$35,000 the CPOA today owns free and clear the National Office, computers, desks and all furnishings.

Membership now exceeds the 9,000-member mark and there are a total of 46 Chartered Chapters throughout the nation (including Alaska, Hawaii).

In 1993, the convention returned to Washington, D.C. where it all started. This marked the start of the **Twenty-fifth** year since the establishment of the Chief Petty Officers Association. All of the Past National Presidents were invited to attend, and to be honored at the Past President's Luncheon. Those able to attend were: BMCM James B. Cane (1st), QMCM Robert M. Shannon (2nd), YNCM Frank E. Smith (5th), YNC David C. Orolfo (6th), BMCM William J. Schott (9th), BMCM John DeLuca (10th), ATC Richard W. Wells (13th), QMC Frank Albright (14th), MKCM D. E. Robertson (15th), and EMCM Louis E. Maher, (16th).

The **Thirty-third** Annual Convention, August 2001, was held in Tulsa, OK became the first convention to be put on by a National Convention Committee. The Secretary of Transportation, Norman Mineta, attended, giving a talk to the convention floor, then attended the Grand Military Ball with his wife, Deni.

Some of the more notable achievements of the Association can be itemized as follows:

(1) The Chief Petty Officer's Academy. In a large part due to the enthusiasm and support of the CPOA, in particular RMCM Glenn Lambert, the CPO Academy was established in 1982 at the USCG Reserve Training Center, Yorktown, Virginia. The Academy has since been relocated to Training Center, Petaluma, California. It is now required that every Chief Petty Officer attend the CPO Academy prior to taking the examination for advancement to Master Chief.

The Chief Petty Officer Academy is the premier Coast Guard management training program available to enlisted personnel in pay grades E-7 through E-9. Students are taught in areas of leadership and management, organization behavior, conducting interviews and briefings, career information, personnel administration, understanding the roles and responsibilities of various Coast Guard operations, as well as receiving the latest information on Coast Guard policies and programs. There are currently four classes per year, containing approximately 25 students.

(2) Continuous administration of the Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund. This grant program is open for consideration to all dependent children of members of the CPOA, and dependent children of USCG E-6 and below.

(3) In 1990, in commemoration of the Coast Guard's 200th Birthday, CPOA published a pictorial history of the Coast Guard. Text was written by PAC Paul Powers, with a forward by



JOC Alex Haley, Ret. This turned out to be an exceptional book and very popular as a collector's item.

(4) Then, with some of the proceeds from the book, CPOA donated \$5,000 to the Navy Memorial in downtown Washington, DC. That donation was to help offset the cost of the Coast Guard plaque that is prominently displayed there.

(5) In 1991, the Board of Directors authorized establishment of a subordinate element of the CPOA, know as the Coast Guard Enlisted Association (CGEA). Membership in the CGEA is open to all USCG personnel (active duty, retired, or reserve) in pay grade E-6 and below. That program has proven to be a great benefit not only to E-6 and below Coast Guard personnel, but also to the CPOA. Membership in the CGEA has now grown to over 900 members, and a total of 10 CGEA Branches.

(6) In 1992 CPOA designed and purchased a memorial plaque in remembrance of the 50th Anniversary of the death of SMI Douglas A. Munro, the Coast Guard's only recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The bronze plaque was mounted on a marble base, furnished by the Coast Guard Combat Veteran's Association, and dedicated at the grave of Munro, in Cle Elum, Washington, on 27 September 1992.

(7) Legislative Program. The Association is very active on the legislative scene, with membership in the White House ADHOC Committee, Council of Military Organizations (COMO), and The Military Coalition. The Executive Director (previously called the National Executive Secretary then Chief Administrator) attends meeting several times each month with fellow representatives from the Military Association community. Positions are taken on almost every piece of legislation that affects military personnel, whether on active duty, retired, or reservist.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Subject to [and will] change)

### Sunday, 22 August

1200 - 1800	4 <sup>th</sup> Flr	Jade Room	Checkin / Late Registration (Convention Office)
1800	4 <sup>th</sup> Flr	Sampan Room	President's Reception

### Monday, 23 August

0700 - 0830	4 <sup>th</sup> Flr	Jade Room	Checkin / Late Registration (Convention Office)
0900	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr	Royal Hall - C/B	Convention Convenes
0900 - 1100	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr	Royal Hall - C/B	Opening Ceremonies
1100	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr	Royal Hall - C/B	Official Photos Session
1200 - 1400	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr	Royal Hall - A	Past Presidents Luncheon
1400 - 1700			General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA
1730	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr	Royal Hall - C/B	Parliamentary Procedures Familiarization

### Tuesday, 24 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, 25 August

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

### Thursday, 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

### Dinner/ Dance

1800 - 1900	6 <sup>th</sup> Flr	Pacific Room	Cocktails (No host)
1900			Dinner
2030			Raffle Drawings
2100 - 0100			Dancing to live band

### Friday, 27 August

0800 - 1030			General Session of CPOA, CPOAA and CGEA
1030	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr	Royal Hall - C/B	Closing Ceremonies

Convention Office .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Flr .....	Jade Room
CPOA Meetings .....	3 <sup>rd</sup> Flr .....	Royal Hall - C/B
CPOAA Meetings .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Flr .....	Koko Room
CGEA Meetings .....	4 <sup>th</sup> Flr .....	Samurai Room
Hospitality Room .....		Room # 1415

# OPENING CEREMONY

Seating of Honored Guests and Visitors

Annual National Convention Convenes

Presentation of Colors ..... North Las Vegas Detention Center Honor Guard

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem ..... Lula Collins

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

Recitation of CPOAA Preamble ..... CPOAA President, Kathie Morin

Recitation of CGEA Preamble ..... CGEA President, DCI Mike Lawing

*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

End of ceremony

# List of current Chapters, Units & Branches

## CPOA Chapters

Alexandria  
Baltimore  
Boston  
Cape Cod  
Cape May  
Clearwater  
Crystal Coast  
Eastern Shore  
Elizabeth City  
Galveston  
Gold Country  
Golden Gate  
Greater Detroit  
Green Bay  
Hampton Roads  
Hawaiian Islands  
Jersey Shore  
Juneau  
Ketchikan  
Kleckner  
Kodiak  
Las Vegas Mavericks  
Long Beach  
Long Island  
Miami  
Mid-America  
Mobile  
Mount Hood  
New Orleans  
North Bend  
North Coast  
Northeast Florida  
Oklahoma City  
Petaluma  
Philadelphia

Port Angeles  
Rio Grande Valley  
Seattle  
SE Connecticut  
Sitka  
SOO  
Southernmost  
St. Louis  
St. Petersburg  
Washington, DC  
Yorktown

## CPOAA Units

Cape May  
Elizabeth City  
Green Bay  
Kodiak  
Las Vegas Lobos  
Mobile  
Mary Simpson  
St. Louis  
St. Petersburg

## CGEA Branches

Baltimore  
Chicago  
Colonial  
Elizabeth City  
Garden State  
Kodiak Island  
Liberty Bell  
Miami  
Southernmost  
Tidewater

## Las Vegas Trivia I

City populations that could spend weekend in Vegas  
(based on double occupancy in all city's hotel rooms)

1. All residents of Louisville, KY
2. All residents of Birmingham, AL
3. All residents of Anchorage, AK
4. All residents of Lexington, KY
5. All residents of St. Petersburg, FL

Facts About Nevada (Spanish, meaning "Snow covered")

Nicknames:	Sagebrush State, Silver State, Battle Born State
Animal:	Desert Bighorn Sheep
Area:	110,690 square miles
Flag:	Cobalt blue with sagebrush wreath and scroll in upper left corner
Flower:	Sagebrush (Official state emblem)
Motto:	"All For Our Country"
Tree:	Single-leaf pinon evergreen (cone-bearing, needle-leafed)
Bird:	Mountain Bluebird (An azure blue songbird with white underneath)
Song:	"Home Means Nevada"
Grass:	Indian Ricegrass
Metal:	Silver
Fossil:	Ichthyosaur

An average of 800 flights arrive and depart daily, moving more than 30 million people through McCarran Airport's 93 gates annually.

3.8 million people attend conventions each year. 87% of visitors gamble while in town and they spend an average of 3.9 hours per day gambling with an average gambling budget of \$559.16.

The beam of light atop the Luxor Hotel is the most powerful in the world. It is the equivalent of 40 billion candlepower and visible to aircraft 250 miles away.

Las Vegas has an average of 310 sunny days annually.

Approximately 120,000 marriage licenses are issued each year. The most popular days are New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day.

**Las Vegas Trivia II**  
**Sunday, October 14, 2001**  
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Here's a selection of questions about Las Vegas: its history, its geography, its place in popular culture, and even the basics of everyday life here.

And, just because we couldn't resist, we threw in a question or two about Nevada, too.

We doubt you or anybody else will be able to answer all of them. But for both long timers and newcomers, our little quiz at least will be a fun way to waste 15 minutes.

So sharpen your pencils, keep your eyes on your own paper and have fun. (And thanks to Frank Wright of the Nevada State Museum & Historical Society for his assistance.)

1. We'll begin with an easy one: What does "Las Vegas" mean?
2. Give us at least one of the names by which Las Vegas Boulevard has been known during its lifetime.
3. Name the famous explorer who has a Las Vegas street named after him. (And, no, it's not Sylvester Lake Mead.)
4. What, traditionally if not officially, are the Strip's endpoints?
5. Where do Las Vegas' resort streets (Flamingo Road, Tropicana Avenue, Sahara Avenue and Desert Inn Road) change from east to west?
6. A souvenir shop on the northwest corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Sahara Avenue lays claim to what distinction?
7. Commemorative gaming chips are a longtime part of Las Vegas' universe of collectibles. But where in Las Vegas can you find a gaming chip that features Jesus?
8. What were the given first names of Bugsy Siegel and Moe Dalitz?
9. True or False: The first major resort on the Las Vegas Strip was Bugsy Siegel's Flamingo.
10. What Las Vegas megaresort began its life as the International?
11. The central theme: topless skaters cavorting on an indoor rink containing only slightly more ice than customers' drinks. What was the slightly misleading name of this bizarrely memorable show (one that even rated a mention in *Spy* magazine) at the old Union Plaza?
12. Name the five members of the Rat Pack. And if you don't know the answer to this one, please leave town immediately.
13. To what casino did Ronald Reagan bring his showbiz act in his pre-political days?
14. What hotel is most legendarily, and still, associated with the now 99-cent shrimp cocktail?
15. A famous staged publicity photo from the '50s showed what otherwise routine Las Vegas event taking place in a swimming pool at the Sands?
16. Name the casino whose implosion was featured in the Tim Burton movie "Mars Attacks!"
17. What off-Strip Las Vegas building used to feature a flying saucer-shaped rotunda?
18. Long before New York-New York built its Statue of Liberty, another — albeit smaller — version of Lady Liberty took up residence off of the Strip. Where is it?
19. In "Viva Las Vegas," why did Elvis Presley's character come to Las Vegas?
20. Las Vegas' now-defunct XFL team was called the Outlaws. What was the name of the city's other stab at pro football glory, in the Canadian Football League?
21. What is the neon graveyard?

22. Name the movie star who died in a plane crash on Mount Potosi in 1942.
  23. Washington, D.C., has Deep Throat, Nevada has Cleanface. Who was Cleanface?
  24. There are two streets in the valley named after Lake Mead. Without checking a map, where's the boulevard and where's the drive?
  25. What was the name of the locally owned predecessor of Dillard's in Las Vegas?
  26. What happens when you complete your self-guided factory tour at the Ethel M chocolate factory?
  27. Your name appears in Nevada's Black Book. Are you flattered?
  28. While driving to work, you look at the sky north of Las Vegas and see a series of parallel white contrails bisecting the sky. What are you probably watching?
  29. Hard to believe, but absolutely true: Nevada has a connection to the castaways on "Gilligan's Island." What is it?
  30. What athlete, who later was a casino host at Caesars Palace, served the same function (and was a co-owner) of the famed Moulin Rouge hotel and casino?
  31. You drive to Boulder City to play some slots. Wasted evening or not?
  32. One of Las Vegas' more bizarre photo opportunities used to be having one's picture taken with \$1 million. Where could this have happened?
  33. What's the minimum bet needed to win a Megabucks jackpot?
  34. Name the late and lamented honky-tonkyish concert venue on Boulder Highway that brought an eclectic roster of artists (including Nirvana, which opened for Sonic Youth in 1990) to Las Vegas during the late '80s and early '90s.
  35. Where did the Doors play when the band came to town in 1969?
  36. Where did the Beatles play during their Aug. 20, 1964 concert here?
  37. Who played the Vegas Vampire, long-ago host of scary movies on Saturday nights on KVVU-TV, Channel 5?
  38. Popular longtime Las Vegas radio personality Red McIlvaine coined a phrase Las Vegas motorists hear every day. What Las Vegas landmark did he name?
  39. Name the former Las Vegas city councilman who co-hosted "Teenbeat Club," a popular teen dance show on KLAS-TV, Channel 8 in the 1960s.
  40. For what Las Vegas dailies did legendary local reporter/columnist Ned Day write?
- Bonus question: Name at least three public high schools that are not located on the streets that share their name.

## Answers:

1. The meadows. Next to U.S. Highway 95 near Valley View Boulevard is a natural spring that, in our American Indian and pioneer ancestors' time, nourished a swath of greenery that ran easterly toward downtown, to where Cashman Center and the Mormon Fort now stand.
2. Fifth Street, the Los Angeles Highway and the Salt Lake Highway probably are the best-known.
3. John C. Fremont.
4. Sahara Avenue and the former Hacienda hotel, now the site of Mandalay Bay.
5. Las Vegas Boulevard.
6. Being the world's largest.
7. The Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer, which also offers them in the form of key chains. Either can be yours for a \$5 donation.
8. Benjamin and Morris, respectively.
9. False. It was the El Rancho Vegas, which opened in 1941 and was destroyed by fire in 1960.
10. The Las Vegas Hilton, which was, at the time of its 1969 opening, the largest hotel in the world.
11. "Nudes on Ice." How classy.
12. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Joey Bishop and — for some still unfathomable reason — Peter Lawford.
13. The Last Frontier, in 1954.
14. The Golden Gate.
15. A game of craps, played on a floating table by swimsuited gamblers.
16. The Landmark.
17. The Las Vegas Convention Center. However, give yourself partial credit if you said the Landmark, which had a definite futuristic, flying saucerish pod at its summit.
18. In front of a retail strip mall on West Sahara Avenue near Arville Street.
19. Elvis, as race car driver Lucky Jackson, came to town to compete in the Las Vegas Grand Prix and romance Ann-Margret.
20. The Posse.
21. The Young Electric Sign Co. storage lot for old neon signs. However, the signs there slowly are finding their way to a neon museum at the Fremont Street Experience.
22. Carole Lombard.
23. Sen. Harry Reid, but not really. During the late '70s, in an FBI wiretap, mobster Joe Agosto bragged to his bosses in Kansas City, Mo., that he had "a Cleanface" in his pocket. The feds thought Agosto was referring to Reid, who then was chairman of the Nevada Gaming Commission. However, a five-month investigation vindicated Reid and concluded that Agosto's boast was nothing more than an attempt to impress his mob bosses.
24. The boulevard's to the north, the drive's in Henderson.
25. Ronzone's, which was purchased by the Diamond's chain that later became Dillard's.
26. You get a complimentary piece of candy.
27. Probably not. It means you're an "excluded person" and barred from entering the state's casinos.



28. Members of the Thunderbirds, the famed aerial demonstration team based at Nellis Air Force Base, flying practice sorties over the Indian Springs Auxiliary Air Field range.
29. Dawn Wells, who played Mary Ann, is a former Miss Nevada. By the way, Bob "Gilligan" Denver also did dinner theater at the Union Plaza, and Tina "Ginger" Louise logged some Vegas stage time of her own during the '50s.
30. Heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis.
31. Wasted. Gaming isn't permitted in Boulder City.
32. Binion's Horseshoe.
33. Three bucks.
34. Calamity Jayne's.
35. The Ice Palace skating rink in Commercial Center.
36. The Las Vegas Convention Center. The best seat in the house would have set you back \$5.50.
37. Jim Parker.
38. The Spaghetti Bowl.
39. Steve Miller.
40. The Valley Times and the Review-Journal.

Bonus question: The ones that we can come up with are Cheyenne, Bonanza, Sunset, Durango, Cimarron-Memorial, Rancho and Green Valley. If we missed any, we're sure you'll let us know.

## SCORING

If you knew the answers to 35 or more questions, congratulations, you're a true Las Vegan! You've either been around town for a while or have spent way too much time following Frank Sinatra's career and watching bad Vegas movies.

If you knew the answers to between 25 and 34 questions, you're a typical Las Vegan. You take full advantage of the city's delights, never miss a chance to add to your storehouse of Vegas trivia and appreciate Las Vegas' weirdness even though you tell every out-of-towner you know, "Really, it's just like any other city ..."

If you knew the answers to between 15 and 24 questions, well, good heavens, get out of the house once in a while, OK?

And if you knew the answers to fewer than 14 questions, well, we hear Laramie, Wyo., is a nice place to live. Do you want to call the movers or shall we?

## Finding your way around local cemeteries

Here are directions to a few of Southern Nevada's more high-profile celebrity grave sites.

### **Palm Valley View Memorial Park, 7600 S. Eastern Ave.:**

- **Redd Foxx** — First, stop by the office and pick up a map. Foxx's grave site is identified on it. You'll find the site in the Devotion section of the cemetery, to the immediate left of the cemetery's entrance.

The cemetery suggests finding Steven Perry's marker by the street and counting in 24 spaces, or about three car lengths from the stop sign.

Or, try this: Look for the Healy family's monument. Stand by it, facing north (that is, looking back toward Las Vegas), and imagine the monument at the 6 o'clock position on a clock face. Now start walking northeast, toward the 2 o'clock position on the clock face. Redd Foxx's grave site is about 32 paces away.

- **Peter Lind Hayes** — Go to the cemetery's Garden of Resurrection, to the immediate south of the main office building and look for a large monument that features three crosses. You'll find Hayes directly behind the middle cross, in the first row from the sidewalk.

### **Paradise Memorial Gardens, 6200 S. Eastern Ave.:**

- **Robert "Bo" Belinsky** — The ballplayer is found in the Garden of Peace section. The grave site is next to a tree about 50 feet south of a round reflecting pool. From the road, he's four rows up, heading east, at the end of a row that ends at a tree (Garden of Peace, section A., lot 31, space A).

- **Sonny Liston** — You'll also find the former heavyweight champ in the Garden of Peace. From Bo Belinsky's grave site, head east about six rows and then move about one space south (Garden of Peace, section A, lot 20, space 2).

- **Albert Collins** — The blues great is in the Garden of Prayer, on the other side of the hedge and to the immediate east of the section where Belinsky and Liston are buried. Collins' headstone is in the first row, abutting the hedge. Or, just park your car on the roadway, walk along the sidewalk that leads toward the large monument in the center of the section, and just keep heading toward the hedge (Garden of Prayer, section C, lot 80, space 2).

### **Bunker Eden Vale Memorial Park, 1216 Las Vegas Blvd. North:**

- **Benny Binion**: Walk into the building marked Chapel of Eternal Peace and take an immediate left turn, then another quick left, and you'll find the niches for Benny and Ted Binion.

- **Harry James**: From the entrance to the Chapel of Eternal Peace, take a left, go down the hall, and you should see the bandleader's niche at about eye level along the far wall. The niche is in the center of the north wall of the Remembrance section.

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