

U.S. COAST GUARD

CPOA 38TH • CPOAA 28TH • CGEA 6TH
ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION



INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
AUGUST 2006



WELCOME TO THE 38TH ANNUAL COAST GUARD CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

I HOPE YOU ENJOY INDIANAPOLIS AND ESPECIALLY THE MARRIOTT EAST COMPLEX. DEBRA JARAMILLIO AND KIM GUSTIN HAVE BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH AND FEEL FREE TO TELL THEM IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT THE HOTELS CAN OFFER TO MAKE YOUR STAY MORE ENJOYABLE. BERNIE STEELE, HE'S THE OTHER GUY WEARING THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE SHIRT, AND I ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO ASSIST. (PLEASE DIRECT ALL COMPLAINTS TO JON SHIPP)

ON THURSDAY, WHEN THE CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE IS AVAILABLE, PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PROVIDE ANSWERS THAT WILL BENEFIT OUR FUTURE GATHERINGS. ALSO, I WILL BE GIVING THE CONVENTION REPORT AND ASKING IF YOU WILL APPROVE HAVING THE 2007 CONVENTION IN CHATTANOOGA, TN WHERE THERE IS A WEALTH OF AMERICAN AND CIVIL WAR HISTORY. I'M EVEN NEGOTIATING HAVING THE THURSDAY EVENING DINNER ON A RIVERBOAT, PILOTED BY A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION.

FUTURE CONVENTIONS DEPEND UPON YOUR SUPPORT AND INPUT ALSO HELPS. DOES YOUR CHAPTER WANT TO HELP BY CO-SPONSORING A FUTURE CONVENTION? LET ME KNOW.

BILL GIESSMAN, COMMITTEE 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 GOND BEFORE U, AND AS A GUIDE FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW.
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Admiral Thad W. Allen

Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard



Admiral Thad W. Allen assumed the duties of the 23rd Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard on May 25th, 2006. Admiral Allen is a native of Tucson, Arizona and graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1971.

Admiral Allen previously served as the Coast Guard Chief of Staff and Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Headquarters, in Washington, D.C., from May 2002 to April 2006. He also served as the Chairman of the Department of Homeland Security's Joint Requirements Council from 2003 to 2006. In September 2005, Admiral Allen was designated the Principal Federal Official for Hurricane Katrina response and recovery operations in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. He additionally served as Principal Federal Official for Hurricane Rita response and recovery activities in Louisiana.

Prior to his assignment as Chief of Staff, Admiral Allen served as Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Fifth Coast Guard District, and U.S. Maritime Defense Zone Atlantic in Portsmouth, Va., where he was the operational commander for all Coast Guard activities in an area of responsibility spanning five Coast Guard Districts, encompassing more than 14 million square miles and involving 26,000 military and civilian employees, and 27,900 Auxiliarists. Admiral Allen led the Coast Guard's Atlantic Area forces in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

In his other flag assignments, Admiral Allen commanded the Seventh Coast Guard District where he directed Coast Guard operations in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and throughout the Caribbean. He has also been assigned as the Coast Guard's Director of Resources at Coast Guard Headquarters, where he was responsible for formulating the Coast Guard's budget, developing long range plans and managing the Coast Guard's performance plan.

A specialist in operations both in the coastal and offshore environments, Admiral Allen has served aboard three Coast Guard cutters: the *Androscoggin*, *Gallatin* and *Citrus*, which he commanded. His coastal command operational assignments include Captain of the Port / Group Long Island Sound, Connecticut; Group Atlantic City, New Jersey and LORAN Station Lampang, Thailand. Admiral Allen's other assignments included a tour as search and rescue controller in the Greater Antilles Section, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Intelligence Watch Officer at DEA/INS El Paso Intelligence Center, El Paso, Texas; Chief Budget Officer, Maintenance and Logistics Command Atlantic, Governors Island, New York; Deputy Project Manager, Fleet Modernization and Rehabilitation FRAM Project; and Assistant Division Chief, Programs Division, Office of the Chief of Staff at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Admiral Allen holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the George Washington University and received the Alumni Achievement Award in 2006. He also holds a Master of Science degree from the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In 2003, Admiral Allen was elected a National Academy of Public Administration Fellow.

Admiral Allen is married to the former Pamela A. Hess of Champaign, Illinois. She is the Assistant Dean for Student Services at the George Mason University School of Management. Together they have three grown children, Amanda, Meghan and Lucas and two grandsons. Admiral Allen is the son of Clyde and Wilma Allen. Clyde Allen is a retired Coast Guard Chief Damage Controlman and World War II Veteran.



CHARLES W. BOWEN

Tenth Master Chief Petty Officer
of the United States Coast Guard



Master Chief Charles W. Bowen was last assigned as the Officer in Charge of Coast Guard Station Marathon. After attending basic training at Cape May, NJ in 1978, his first duty station was to a patrol boat, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT SWIFT in Clearwater, Fl. From there he was assigned to Coast Guard Station Marathon in the Florida Keys just in time for the Mariel, Cuba boatlift in 1980. A subsequent assignment at Station Fort Pierce, Fl was followed by another patrol boat, this time the newly commissioned U.S. Coast Guard Cutter FARALLON, out of Miami. From South Florida he traveled to the Mid-Atlantic seaboard to join the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT ARENA as the Executive Petty Officer. Upon advancing to Chief Petty Officer he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of Station New Haven, CT in June 1990. Following a successful tour at New Haven, he was transferred to Station Sand Key in Clearwater Beach, Fl in 1994. In 1997, it was back to the Northeast where he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter POINT TURNER in Newport, RI until her decommissioning in April 1998. During May, 1998 he was assigned as the Officer in Charge of U.S. Coast Guard Cutter HAMMERHEAD, based in Woods Hole, MA and the first of the High Tech 87 foot Patrol Boats on the East Coast. From 1999 to 2001 Master Chief Bowen served as the District Seven Command Master Chief. In May 2002, Master Chief Bowen graduated with distinction from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. While at the Academy, he was selected as one of the few non-Army students ever to serve as a class Vice President. Upon graduation, he was awarded the prestigious, "William G. Bainbridge Chair of Ethics Award." From June 2002 to June 2004 Master Chief Bowen served as the Command Master Chief of Headquarters' Units. In addition to those duties, he also served as the Interim Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from July 2002 through October 2002.

Master Chief Bowen's personal awards include four Meritorious Service Medals with "O" device, four Coast Guard Commendation Medals with "O" device, three Coast Guard Achievement Medals with "O" device, Commandant's Letter of Commendation, six Meritorious Team Commendation Awards with "O" device, two Coast Guard Unit Commendations with "O" device, seven Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendations with "O" device, and the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon with two stars.

Master Chief Bowen's educational accomplishments include a Bachelor of Science Degree, "Magna Cum Laude" from Excelsior College and a Master of Business Administration "Summa Cum Laude" from Touro University International.

Master Chief Bowen is married to the former Janet Kay Cartwright of Norfolk, VA. They have four children, Mason, Joshua, Joseph, and Kristen. His son Mason is currently on active duty in the Coast Guard.

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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.

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(Installation on 18Aug at Indianapolis convention):

President - Kathie Morin
Vice President - Rita Bunting
Secretary - Janice Marchick
Treasurer - Jo D'Elia



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 and Mary Jo Giessman - Treasurer

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.

List of Current Chapters, Units & Branches

CPOA Chapters

Alexandria
Baltimore
Boston
Cape Cod
Cape May
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
Noth Bend
North Coast
Northeast Florida
Oklahoma City
Petaluma
Philadelphia
Port Angeles
Redwood Empire
Rio Grande Valley

San Juan
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
Mobile
St. Louis
St. Petersburg

CGEA Branches

Baltimore
Chicago
Colonial
Elizabeth City
Garden State
Kodiak Island
Liberty Bell
Lone Star
Miami
Mobile
Southern New England
Southernmost
Tidewater

History of the CPOAS National Meetings Conventions

Nbr.	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.	Forts Mouth, VA	Forts Mouth	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	Petasuma	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.	Greenbay, WI	Greenbay	8/10 - 8/14/81
14.	Norfolk, VA	Forst Mouth Elizabeth City	8/23 - 8/27/82
15.	Nashville, TN	Cumberland	8/11 - 8/14/83
16.	Santa Rosa, CA	Petasuma	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	8/17 - 8/23/96
29.	Cleveland, OH	North Coast	8/24 - 8/29/97
30.	Mobile, AL	Mobile	8/28 - 9/01/00
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	9/12 - 9/16/05
38.	Indianapolis, IN	National	8/14 - 8/18/06

CPOA GOLD LIFETIME MEMBERS



ATCM Orville Walker with President
YNC Jon Shipp accepting National
CPOA Gold Lifetime Membership

RMC STEPHEN PARKANS ☞	OCTOBER 1972
CSC KENNETT MANESS ☞	AUGUST 1975
ETC PAUL GOEKE ☞	AUGUST 1977
YNCM ROBERT E. GALLAGHER	AUGUST 1980
BMCM JAMES B. KANE ☞	AUGUST 1984
QMCM ROBERT 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
ETCM TIMOTHY M. LACKEY	AUGUST 1996
BMCM DAVID C. MILLER	AUGUST 1996
BMC LOUIS C. LICEA	AUGUST 1997
BMCS JACK CROWLEY	AUGUST 1998
YNC ALEX CHAPMAN	AUGUST 1998
QMC DICK LONGO ☞	AUGUST 2000
ENC WILLIARD D. O'FARRELL	AUGUST 2000
RMC GEORGE OVERMYERV	AUGUST 2001
ATCM DAVID DISBENNETT	AUGUST 2001
PSC PATTY BUTLER	AUGUST 2002
BMCM WALT GORR ☞	AUGUST 2002
YNC JON SHIPP	AUGUST 2004
MKCM DAVE ISHERWOOD	AUGUST 2004
ATCM ORVILLE WALKER	SEPTEMBER 2005

CPOAA PLATINUM LIFETIME MEMBERS

JEAN SCHOTT ☞	AUGUST 2004
RITA BUNTING	AUGUST 2004
RUTH BUCKLEY BALF	SEPTEMBER 2005
LAURIE TERNES KOLLAR	SEPTEMBER 2005

☞ DECEASED

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS OF THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

October 1969	-	April 1970	BMCM J.B. Kane
April 1970	-	June 1970	QMCM R.M. Shannon
June 1970	-	April 1972	YNCS E. C. Mason
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 Jon A. Shipp
August 1996	-	September 1998	BMCS R. F. Sennholtz, Jr.
September 1998-	-	September 2000	MKCM D. E. Robertson
September 2000-	-	August 2004	BMCS T.A. Trimble
August 2004	-	Present	YNC Jon A. Shipp

PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS OF THE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AUXILIARY

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	-	August 2004	Kathie Morin
August 2004	-	Present	Laurie Ternes Kollar

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

13-18 AUGUST 2006

Schedule subject to change

Sunday, August 2006

1200 - 1800Registration
1800President's reception in hospitality room

Monday, 14 August 2006

0800 - 1030Opening Ceremonies
Speaker
Welcome to Indianapolis - Deputy Chief of Investigations, Tim Foley
MCPO-CG Charles "Skip" Bowen
Commandant Thad W. Allen
1030 - 1200Photo session
1200 - 1400Lunch - Speaker:
1400 - 1700General Session of CPOA/CGEA/CPOAA
Presentations/speaker
CG Mutual Assistance - Captain Tom Orni (Ret) & CWO Barry Boisvere (Ret)
CG Personnel Support Command, Topeka
Introduction - MCPO David B. Grenot
Travel - YNC Karen Stadler Advancements - YNCM Terry Stone
Procedures & Development/Customer Service - YNCS Mark Planitz
Active Duty, Reserve, & Retired Pay - Mr. Dale Hosman
1730 - 1830 . . .Parliamentary procedures familiarization (to be conducted by the incoming National President)

Tuesday, 15 August 2006

0800 - 1700General Session of CPOA/CGEA/CPOAA
Presentation/Speaker
Gold Badge Panel - Presented by MCPO-CG Bowen

Wednesday, 16 August 2006

0800 - 1700General session of CPOA/CGEA/CPOAA
Presentation/Speaker
Long Term Care - MCPO-CG Rick Trent (Ret)

Thursday, 17 August 2006

0800 - 1700General session of CPOA/CGEA/CPOAA
Swearing-In Ceremony - (Past National President Richard Wells (Tentative)
Closing ceremonies (Tentative)
1800-0100Dinner/Dance

Friday, 18 August 2006

0830-1130 . . .Closing ceremonies/Swearing - In Ceremony - (Past National President Richard Wells)/Open Forum
.....(Tentative)

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Sunday 8/13/2006 - 1000 to midnight

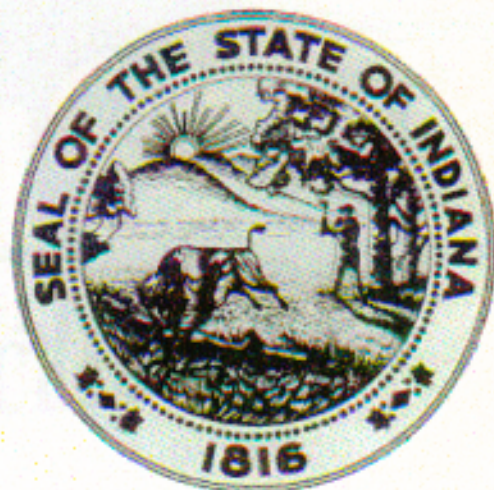
Monday thru Friday 8/14 - 8/18/2006 - 0700 to 2400

Saturday 8/29/2006 - 0700 to 1200

(hours are subject to change and will be posted on door and in Plan of the Day)

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Indianapolis, Indiana
14 -18 August 2006



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Executive Committee
and the National Staff



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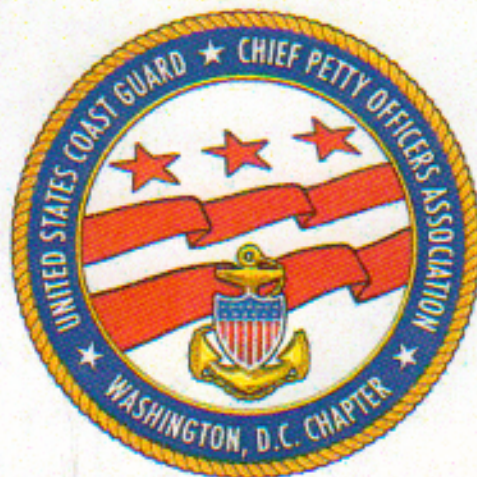
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Washington DC Chapter



In respect for those who have gone before us ... as a guide for those who follow.

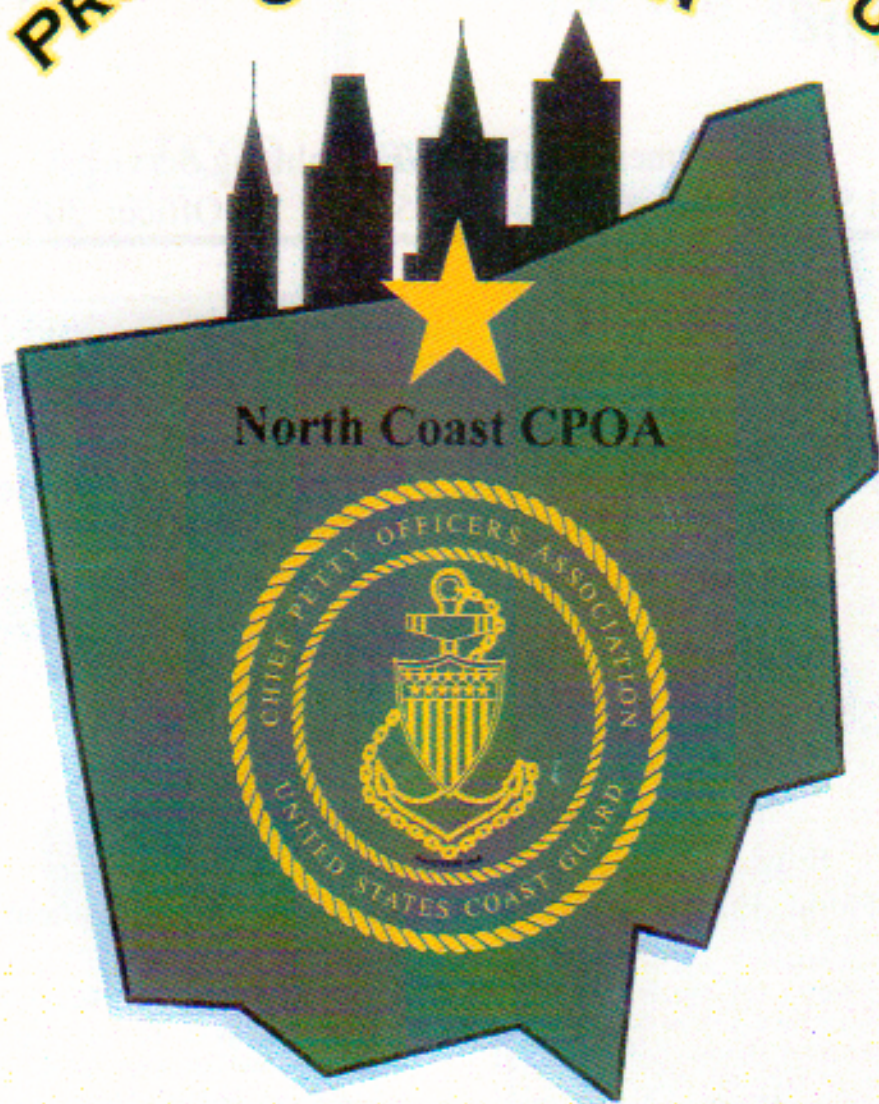


Welcome to Convention
from the men and women of the
Galveston
Chapter



'From the bayou to the bay'

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PRODUCTIVE & SUCCESSFUL
CONVENTION**



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Have a safe and wonderful time!**

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Memory

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QMCM JSD



THANKS
to the
Convention Committee
for the 38th Annual!



USCG CPOA/CGEA/CPOAA
National Convention 2005
St. Louis, Missouri



The National Officers of the CPOAA would like to welcome you to our 27th Annual Convention. We would like to invite all CPOA spouses and dependants (over the age of 18) to join us at our meetings for discussions, to offer ideas, give opinions, etc. We are always happy to receive fresh input to help us grow and better support our CPOA.

We hope everyone has a good time and fond memories in St. Louis 2005.

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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 the Chiefs' Mess, and as in all exclusive groups, you have a special responsibility to your brothers and sisters, 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 since 1920, Coast Guard 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, and the performance of the Chiefs before you. It shall continue to exist only so long as you and your fellow chiefs 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 emotion, which cannot harm you, which in fact strengthens you. In the future, you will be caused to suffer indignities, 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 is 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 that brothers and sisters in arms have before you.

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