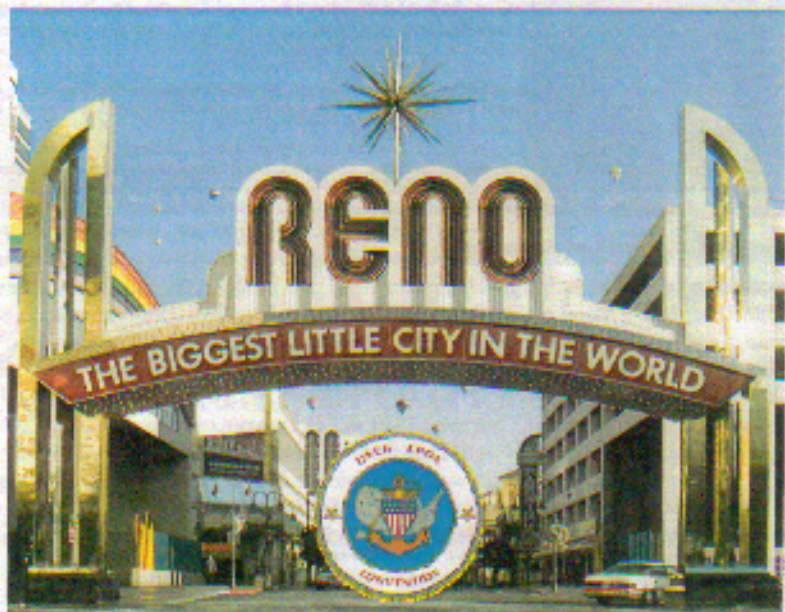


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Welcome to the 41st Annual Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association Convention

Greetings and welcome to the 41st Annual CPOA Convention and my second! My second as National Convention Committee Chairman, that is! As it was last year, it has been an exciting and eventful year spent planning for convention. Last year I said, "It also has been a year of learning new things, something Master Chiefs are not always good at." This year I say, "It has been another year of learning new things, something Master Chiefs STILL are not always good at." But Monica and I learned from trial, error, and feedback from last year's convention. I hope that we've learned enough after lessons from last year that this year's convention will be as fun and productive as last year, and those that have come before.

Reno, "The biggest little city in the world," as it likes to call itself, is a somewhat down-market version of the glitz and glamour of Las Vegas, with miles of gleaming slot machines and poker tables, surrounded by tacky wedding chapels and quickie divorce courts. While the town itself may not be much to look at, its setting – at the foot of the snowcapped Sierra Nevada, with the Truckee River winding through the center of town - is superb.

There are three things to do in Reno: gamble, get married and get divorced. Note: Please don't let the gambling lead to any divorces and Monica and I ARE NOT looking to get married in Reno so don't ask! However, Monica would be more than happy to stand in as a witness for anyone else that would like to get married!

Please take mental notes during the week and complete the convention questionnaire. It is through these responses we endeavor to make our Conventions better, and trust me, we, no, I, can use the feedback to make my next convention, and those that follow, even better! One last thing, if you have a suggestion that we can use now, grab Monica or I and let us know!

I hope that you enjoy this Convention and many more to come.

MCPO Tim Sheffer (Ret.)
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 seaman 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.



Homeland
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Secretary

Janet Napolitano

Janet Napolitano was sworn in on January 21, 2009 as the third Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Napolitano was mid-way through her second term as governor of the state of Arizona. While governor, Napolitano became the first woman to chair the National Governors Association, where she was instrumental in creating the Public Safety Task Force and the Homeland Security Advisors Council. She also chaired the Western Governors Association. Napolitano previously served as the Attorney General of Arizona and the U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona. Napolitano's homeland security background is extensive. As U.S. Attorney, she helped lead the domestic terrorism investigation into the Oklahoma City Bombing. As Arizona Attorney General, she helped write the law to break up human smuggling rings. As governor, she implemented one of the first state homeland security strategies in the nation, opened the first state counter-terrorism center and spearheaded efforts to transform immigration enforcement. She's also been a pioneer in coordinating federal, state, local and bi-national homeland security efforts, and presided over large scale disaster relief efforts and readiness exercises to ensure well-crafted and functional emergency plans. Napolitano graduated from Santa Clara University in 1979, where she won a Truman Scholarship, and received her Juris Doctor (J.D.) in 1983 from the University of Virginia School of Law. After law school she served as a law clerk for Judge Mary M. Schroeder of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before joining the law firm of Lewis and Roca.



January 22, 2009 - Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano meets with Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thad W. Allen at Coast Guard Headquarters, for briefings from the service's senior leadership. (U.S. Coast Guard Photos/Bender)

Welcome to Reno Nevada

Here are some things I BET you didn't know!

With a population of over 211,000, Reno is the largest city in Northern Nevada. It is located in the southern part of Washoe County, nestled on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in an area called the Truckee Meadows.

"**Home Means Nevada**", the state song, was written by an immigrant, Mrs. Bertha Raffetto. While living in Reno, Mrs. Raffetto was asked to write and sing a song about Nevada for a picnic. It was adapted later as the state song.

- Elevation: 4,500 feet
- Climate: Averages more than 300 days of sun each year.
- Visitors: Received 5.1 million in 2007
- Population: 51.12 percent are Male and 48.88 percent are Female.
- Housing: Renters outnumber owners 52.46% to 47.54%



LEVI'S 501 JEANS INVENTED IN RENO, BUT NOT BY LEVI STRAUSS!

It was an obscure, Jewish tailor working at 31 Virginia Street in Reno who added the rivets. Jacob Youphes was a native of Riga (now the capital of Latvia) immigrated to the United States in 1854 and changed his name to Jacob W. Davis. In June 1868, he relocated to the fledgling railroad town of Reno. Investing in a brewery, he lost virtually everything. By 1869, he had opened a tailor shop on the town's main thoroughfare, Virginia Street. He began fabricating wagon covers and tents from a rugged off-white duck cloth sold by San Francisco's Levi Strauss & Co. In 1871, Davis was paid three dollars in advance for a pair of pants which he made of white duck purchased from Levi Strauss & Co. The woman wanted the trousers (for her husband) made as strong as possible. There were copper rivets in the tailor's shop used to attach straps to horse blankets made for local teamsters. "So when the pants were done--the rivets were lying on the table--and the thought struck me to fasten the pockets with rivets," Davis recounted, "I had never thought of it before." In the following eighteen months, he made and sold 200 pairs to persons in need of heavy work clothing. Some of the pants were made of denim. Concerned that his idea might be pirated, Davis asked Levi Strauss to help him with a patent application. A preliminary application was approved in July 1872 and the full patent granted on May 20, 1873.



Reno TIDBITS (continued)



RENO HALL OF FAME

Walter Van Tilburg Clark, author of *The City of Trembling Leaves*, *The Ox-Bow Incident*, and other books. Mr. Clark was born in East Orland, Maine in 1909, but his family moved to Nevada when he was eight years old. He died in Reno on November 10, 1971.

Curtis Hanson, was born in Reno, Nevada on March 24, 1945. Screenwriter and director, he is best known for his work on the films *The Hand that Rocks the Cradle*, *The River Wild* and *L.A. Confidential*.

Velma Bronn Johnston, also known as "Wild Horse Annie," was born March 5, 1912 in Reno, Nevada. For many years, she fought for the protection of the wild horse and burro population. It was through her efforts that laws were passed protecting these animals. Part of the "Wild Horse Annie" law states that "wild and free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West and it is the policy of Congress that wild free-roaming horses and burros shall be protected from capture, branding, harassment, or death" [Public Law 92-195, December 15, 1971]. She died in Reno, NV on June 27, 1977.

Dawn Wells, was born in Reno, Nevada on October 18, 1938. She was Miss Nevada in the 1959 Miss America Pageant. She is best known for her role as Mary Ann Summers on the popular television show *Gilligan's Island*.





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 Meriel Cuba boatlift in 1990. 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, 1995 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 57 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 Tuoro 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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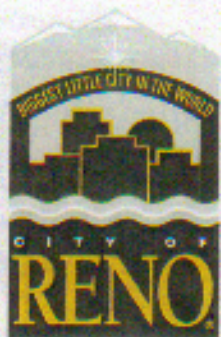
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Ms. Kaitlin Frederick is shown here with her father and sponsor, QMCS Jon Frederick, receiving the award. Ms. Frederick will be attending Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire in the fall. She plans to study Biochemistry and will also play NCAA Division II volleyball.



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41st Annual CPOA Convention



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What to do??



National Automobile Museum: The National Automobile Museum (The Harrah Collection) sets the standard for world-class automobile museums and is ranked one of the "Top Ten" automobile museums in the nation by Car Collector magazine. The museum features one of the most comprehensive public displays of automobiles in the Western Hemisphere, with more than 200 cars.



Fleischmann Planetarium is part of the University of Nevada, Reno and Extended Studies. We offer public star shows and large-format films showing daily in our dome theater, and public star observing courtesy of the Astronomical Society of Nevada. Built in 1964 and originally called the "Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium," we were the first planetarium in the world to project full-dome movies (of time-lapse clouds and weather phenomena).



National Bowling Stadium: This tournament-only facility has been called the "Taj Mahal of Tenpins," by the Los Angeles Times and "Pin Place" by USA Today; the stadium features 78 championship lanes, a video wall, an IWERKS large-format theater and the world's longest screen scoring display.



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