**NCPOA Fall 2021 Newsletter**

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**Treasurers Report:**

Checking Account Balance: $3,665.28

Savings Account Balance: $36,010.07

**Shipmate Check:** In an effort to keep our records a current as possible I want everybody to reply either by email or USPS when you receive this. Mailing address is NCPOA Secretary, 8040 Plains Road, Mentor, Ohio, 44060. I look forward to hearing from everybody.

**Question from a member:** Last week I received a question from a member that I was unable to answer so I did the old Chief fall back and said I would find out and get back to him. The question is how many members are WW2 Veterans? Since I know he is that’s one, if there are any others please let me know and I will include my findings in the next news letter.

 **NCPOA Convention/Reunion:**  Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic we decided to postpone the Las Vegas Convention until October 2022. This decision was made due to the pandemic and the fact we had a very small number of members sign up. Let us hope that next time more of us are willing to travel and some of the restrictions are lifted. The current plan is to go in the middle of October 2022, location Las Vegas at Sam’s Town Hotel and Gambling Hall. More info to come in the spring.

 **Current Membership:** Currently active membership stands at 220 with eleven new members, fifteen members have crossed the bar since my last report, and ten members who we have been unable to contact. We have tried both email and regular mail to contact these members and have not received any reply. This gives us a net loss of fourteen. We will be contacting all members whose membership is due in 2022 after the Holidays. Please check your membership cards for expiration date as there are many coming due in 2022. The renewal fee is $10.00 per year and a renewal form’s can be down-loaded from the website. Life members are just that for life we are no longer doing the surcharge thing.

**Members who have passed in 2021 since last newsletter:**

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| YNCM Edward White  | HTCM Richard Thompson  |
| RMC Duane Robertson  | AVCM Richard Smith  |
| MTC David Peck | ATCS Richard Oubre  |
| YNCS Ernest Mullins  | HMC Gary Jones |
| PRCM Richard Spaulding | AMCH John Batzley |
| MMC Edward Harig | PNCM Charles Fry |
| AFCM Thomas Feddon | RMC Paul Douglas |
| MACS John Bayne |  |

**New Members Gained in 2021 Welcome Aboard:**

NCC Douglas Martin YNC Sandra Martin

AFCM Donald Nuccio ICC Kirk Rosa

EWCS James Kennedy AFCM Michael Phelps

MMC Harry Hartstock ETCM John Spafford

MTC Frank McArtor ENC Ora Burggren

MUCM William Gray

**Members that I have been unable to contact:**

RMC Richard Denison CTAC Wilfred Emshoff

MMCM Ronald Lohmann BTC Merle Marrow

ETC Robert Meusel PNC Paul Noller

EMCS Willis McDonald SKCM Vern Lundgren

ETC Gerald Spence CTCM Rich Miller

If anybody has any information regarding these members, please contact ENC Wakeman.

**Website:** We are continuing to work to update the website. If anyone is interested

in taking over as Web Master please contact AZCM Bob McCauley at bobmccauley2@cox.net.

**Facebook:** Yes, we have a Facebook page it is listed as “National Chief Petty Officers Association.”

**Membership:** As stated above, we are down to 221 members most of whom are Life members we need to recruit some new blood. We all know a lot of us are avoiding going out to our favorite hang outs IE; VFW, Fleet Reserve etc.: But all of us have shipmates we stay in contact within other ways so go on the website print out some membership applications and send them. Do not forget we take Coast Guard CPO’s, Officers, and Warrant Officers anybody who was a Chief at some point in their career.

**Window Decals:** We currently have a limited supply of window decals. If you want one send contact ENC Wakeman, if the demand exceeds the supply he will order more. The lead time is about 2 weeks. We now have one inch and 4-inch diameter decals.

**Postage:** We encourage all members that do not have email to get one. We know it can be a pain, but first-class postage is up to $.58 for a letter and the service has not gotten better. If you change your email or move, please update ENC Wakeman so we do not lose track of you.