

NCPOA NEWSLETTER March 2023

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President's Message:

Our next Reunion will be in Las Vegas, NV on October 16-19, 2023. We encourage all our members that can attend to please do so. We will decide the future of the NCPOA. We realize that a few organizations are having difficulty with membership retention and participation. I want to thank Robert McCauley, Roger Howes, Ed Wakeman, Gary Scheidt, Richard Oubre, Gene Hatfield, Earl Young and many other members that have stood up to serve this Association. Without their leadership we would not have gotten this far. I am still optimistic that we will continue to keep viable. I also thank all our members who continue to financially support us. Thank you. God Bless.

Treasurer Report

Checking Account Balance 5 Nov 2022 \$ 1,638.08

Checking Account Balance 17 March 2023 \$ 1,601.93

Savings Account Balance 5 Nov 2022 \$ 36,107.87

Savings Account Balance 17 March 2023 \$ 36,137.56

Secretary's Message:

All membership applications/renewal must be sent on the attached form. A copy is on the last page of the newsletter.

Checks should be payable to **NCPOA** and sent to Earl Young, 11229 Silverton Drive, Milton, FL 32583. The dues is \$ 10 per year. Please put the years you are renewing on the application and the check; For Line. Please feel free to contact me at

earl55k@yahoo.com or 850-936-2442.

I NEVER KNEW.....DID YOU?

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it. Here is something Every American should know. We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps..' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find our the beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land. During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. He lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the Captain asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. He had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the Captain, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" used at military

funerals was born. As all members I too have felt the Loss and Chills while ‘Taps’ is played.

NCPOA REUNION

The next reunion will be held in Las Vegas October 16-19, 2023. Remember we have a great task to consider. Please contact Earl Young and let him know you are coming and if you are bringing a guest so he can set up the Dinner.

Sam’s Town Hotel and Casino, 5111 Boulder Hwy, Las Vegas, NV 89122, phone 772-456-7777 and mention **National Chief Petty Officer Association** for a special rate. The code for Reservations and room rate is **NCPJ23C**.

TAPS NOTIFICATIONS:

ADJC Ned Knepper, MMC Wayne Parker, AOC Eugene O’Neal

RIP We Have The Watch

Membership Status

Current Membership:

204 Members total, 139 are LIFE Members, 42 are paid up, and 23 have due dates of January 2023.

NEW Member: Welcome Aboard

NCC Robert Yerke

WEBSITE address: www.ncpoa.club

Our Webmaster is AKCM Gary Scheidt

FACEBOOK: National Chief Petty Officer Association

We are trying to find out who is the administrator. Please contact Earl Young

WINDOW DECALS:

Contact Earl Young

MISCELLANEOUS: If you move, change email address or phone number please contact us in order to keep us up to date and we do not loose contact with you. Thank you.

NATIONAL CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Membership/Renewal Application Form

New Membership: _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____ Rate/Rank: _____ Birth

Date _____

Branch of Service: USN USNR USCG USCGR USMC(Initiated) _____

Active: _____ Retired: _____ Years served: From _____ To _____

Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Spouse Name _____ Email Address _____

Phone # _____ (Home) _____ (Cell _____

Recruited by: _____

I certify that I am serving or have served as a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy or the United States Coast Guard for a period of at least 30 days

Signature: _____

Membership Dues: \$ 10.00 per year

Enclosed: _____ Dues for year/years _____

Membership # _____ If you have one _____

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mail to: Earl Young, 11229 Silverton Drive, Milton, FL 32583