**NCPOA Winter 21/22 Newsletter**

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**Presidents Message:**

Yet another year has found us unable to hold our convention/reunion due to the ongoing pandemic. As our NCPOA is nationwide and while long distance air travel is still a “problem” like face masks, pilot shortages, weather delays, quarantines, cancellations etc. attending conventions is uncertain. Should we be thinking of having more local events that require less travel.

We were scheduled to piggyback with the Florida Chief Petty Officers Association (FLCPOA) in Pensacola Florida this Spring, but it too was set back this year fearing low attendance, to October)and still in Pensacola, Florida.

 I spoke to our board of directors too and have pretty much unanimous agreement to go ahead and piggyback with the FLCPOA for Pensacola this October and will consider possibly going to Texas (another red state) in October 2023 with city TBD.

For our West Coast Chiefs who are in driving distance or do not want to make a long cross-country flight right now. I am trying to host a Mini-Convention social get together this April or May here in Las Vegas and have offered a welcome to any FLCPOA members who might want to venture out of Florida.

Registration information for the October FLCPOA event may be found on their website at [www.FLCPOA.com](http://www.FLCPOA.com).

Hope to see you soon

**Treasurers Report:**

Checking Account Balance: $3929.41

Savings Account Balance: $36,040.42

**Secretary’s Message:** Since the last newsletter, a couple of issues have come up that need to be addressed.

1. **Membership renewal/donation checks**: Do not send checks to ENC Wakeman I do not have access to the bank accounts. All checks should be payable to NCPOA and sent to PRCS Lowell Heath, 792 Highway 26E, Poplarville, MS 39470.
2. **All membership applications/renewals must be in the proper format IE**: If you need a form contact ENC Wakeman, ncpoasecretary@gmail.com, 8040 Plains Road, Mentor, Ohio,44060 or (440)227-5593. Try not to call me between 0800 and 1600 EST, I still work and those are working hours. Renewal forms are also available on the website to download.
3. **Email:** Please include your full name in your emails, trying to find you with just an email address is a real pain in the butt.
4. **Membership status:** I get asked all the time when does my membership expire, it is on your membership card. Two years ago, I changed the format of the cards, so all memberships expire on the last day of January. Example if you paid your dues anytime in 2021 for 2 years your membership expires January 31st, 2023. No prorating membership this is not the DMV.
5. **Shipmate Check:** In the last two newsletters I have asked you to respond and update your contact information. The results have been disappointing to say the least, after the fall newsletter I received a grand total of forty-six replies one of which came four months after I sent the newsletter. This is the only way I know that you have received the newsletter so let us try again.

**Question from a member:** Recently I was asked if we still had any WW2 Veterans on the membership rolls. Well to answer that yes, we have three one who served during WW2, Korea, and Vietnam, and one who served in the Army during the closing days of WW2. Those members are SHCM John Alford (WW2), ACC Jack Ford(WW2, Korea, Vietnam), and GMGC Jack Ford(WW2).

 **NCPOA Convention/Reunion:** The plan as it stands right now is to do a joint Convention/Reunion/Fling with the Florida NCPOA. The dates for this event are October 9th thru 13th in Pensacola, Florida. We will hold our own meeting which will include election of new officers. For more information please contact YNC Stephen Miglionico at yncmig@gmail.com , or ADJC Bob Wall at rwall97@tampabayrr.com. .

**Membership Status:** Current Membership stands at 223 members, since he last newsletter we have gained two new members, re connected with one old member and had one member pass away.

**Members who have passed away since the last newsletter:**

HMC James Brogan

**New Members Gained in Welcome Aboard:**

PRC Earl Young RMCS(SS) Carl Peterson

**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 “National Chief Petty Officers Association.”

**Membership:** As stated above, we are down to 223 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 with 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 ENC Wakeman and stamped self-address envelope with a note telling him which one and how many, 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:** If you change your email or move, please update ENC Wakeman so we do not lose track of you.